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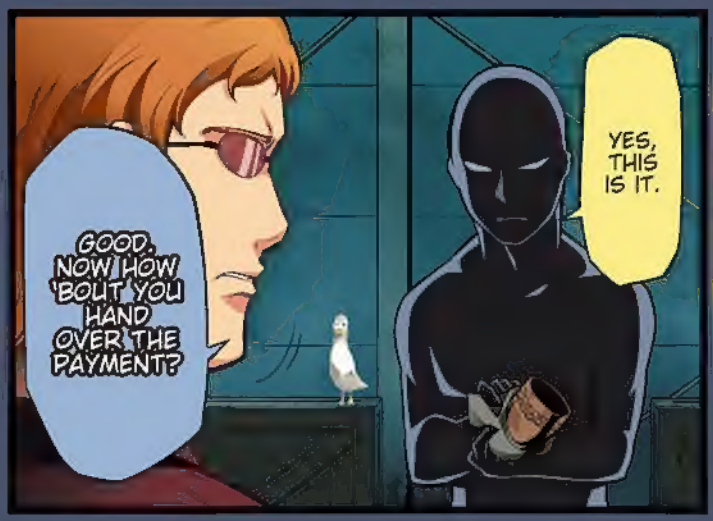
GOOD. NOW HOW 'BOUT YOU HAND OVER THE PAYMENT?
YES, THIS IS IT.

OH YEAH! RIGHT HERE.
YOU'VE GOT THE GOODS?

I WENT TO SOME REAL TROUBLE TO GET AHOLD OF THAT PIECE THERE FOR YA, SO I APPRECIATE YOU KICKING IN A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA--
KA-CHAK
NICE!
REALLY? HEH! THANKS, MAN.
OF COURSE. I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF ADDING AN... EXTRA TOUCH, TO MAKE IT NICE AND PRETTY.

THE HELL?! THAT AIN'T REAL MONEY !!
WHOA!! NOW THAT'S A BIG RAINBOW... HOLD UP! IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT BY AN "EXTRA TOUCH"?!

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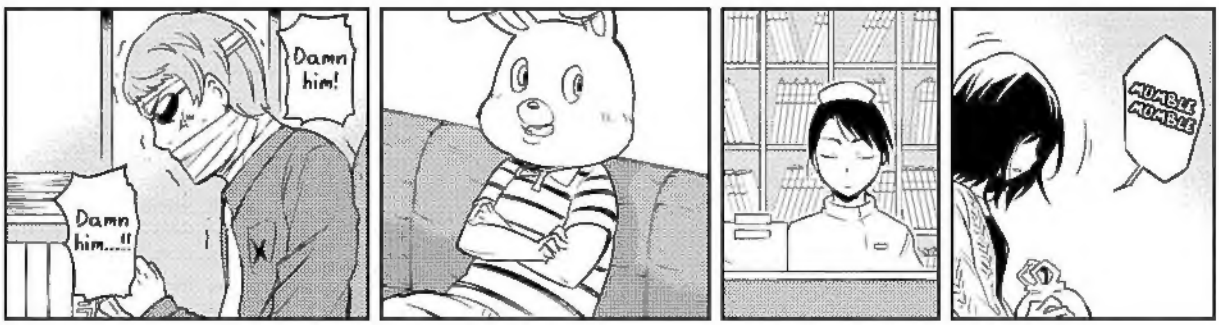
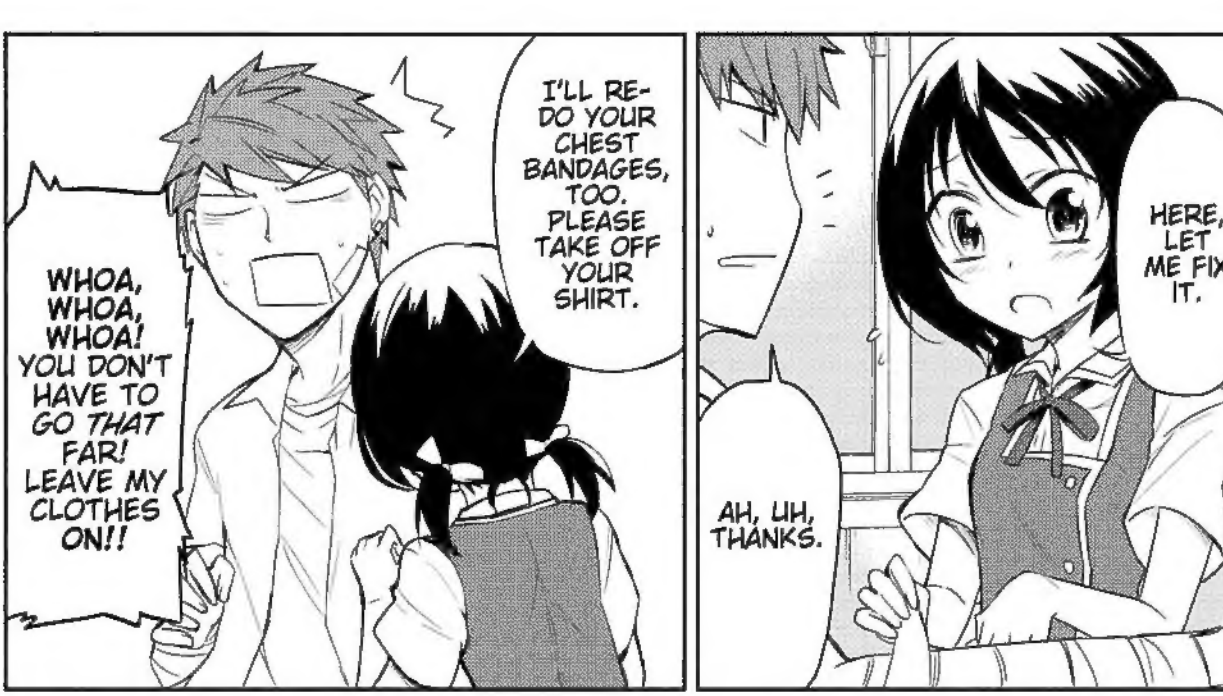

Damn him!
Damn him...!!
MUMBLE MUMBLE

HEY.
HM? YES, KENJI?

"SUP-POSED" TO BE?!
HA HA HA! OF COURSE WE HAVE! THIS HOSPITAL IS SUPPOSED TO BE FAMOUS IN THE RIGHT CIRCLES!
YOU SURE WE CAME TO THE RIGHT HOSPITAL?

ARE YOU OKAY, KAZAMA-SAN? WHAT HAPPENED?
Huh?
What's up?
One Hour Ago.
Class 2-B
OH NO!

OH DEAR! ONE OF YOUR BANDAGES IS COMING UNDONE.
BWAH?! UH, ACTUALLY, IT WAS JUST ONE GIRL...
WHAT?! WERE YOU FIGHTING AN ENTIRE SUMO TEAM?!
OH, THIS? I'M FINE. JUST TOOK A COUPLE DOZEN SUMO-SLAPS TO THE CHIN.


WHOA, WHOA, WHOA! YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR! LEAVE MY CLOTHES ON!!
I'LL RE-DO YOUR CHEST BANDAGES, TOO. PLEASE TAKE OFF YOUR SHIRT.
AH, UH, THANKS.
HERE, LET ME FIX IT.

YOU CAN RE-DO OUR CHEST BAND-AGES !!!
REALLY ?!
SHAKE SHAKE フルフル
FLINCH ビク
I... I'LL BE FINE!
REALLY ?! 'CAUSE YOU DON'T LOOK FINE!!
NGH ...!
!
FUNA-BORI! YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO!!
SWEAT SWEAT
UM, ALL RIGHT. PLEASE FORM A SINGLE LINE...
HOW COME I'M THE ONLY ONE HURT?
THROB THROB
Whew! Glad that's over with.
TP TP TP
NAH. IT, UH... IT ISN'T THAT BAD.
My sister bandaged me up.
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UM, KAZAMA-SAN? I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU...
BUT HAVE YOU GONE TO SEE A DOCTOR?
HN?

NO NEED TO PUT ON A BRAVE FACE. I'LL COME WITH YOU!
HUH?! WHOA! I'M FINE! REALLY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO!
GRIN
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YOU NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.
JEEZ, YOU'VE GOT A REAL STUBBORN STREAK, DON'T YA?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BOTH OF YOU!
THE ONLY ONE WHO WILL BE TAKING KENJI TO THE HOSPITAL IS ME!!
WHAT THE HELL, ATARU?! AND WHAT'S WITH THOSE BANDAGES?! YOU LOOKED PERFECTLY FINE WHEN YOU LEFT YESTERDAY!!
SO DON'T WORRY, FUNABORI-KUN...
I WILL SEE HIM SAFELY TO THE HOSPITAL!
TAKE YOURSELF THERE, MUMMY-MAN!
B-BUT, UM, I KNOW A REALLY GOOD HOSPITAL ...!

I-I-I'LL LEAVE KAZAMA-SAN TO YOU. PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM.
Sniff...
HEY!! QUIT PICKING ON FUNABORI, YOU WEIRDO!!
DO YOU HAVE ANY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE STAYING AT THAT FANCY HOSPITAL OF YOURS? GO THERE OFTEN? OR ARE YOU ONLY REGURGITATING SOMETHING YOU HEARD SOMEONE ELSE SAY? WELL?
OH, DO YOU NOW? HUNH. SO YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT HOSPITALS THAN ME, A HOSPITAL-GOING EXPERT WHO IS CONSTANTLY GOING TO HOSPITALS (BECAUSE I'M A CLOSET MASOCHIST)?
Don't worry! I can handle it!
SNIFFLE
Please make sure he makes it to the hospital.
HUH?!
KOFF
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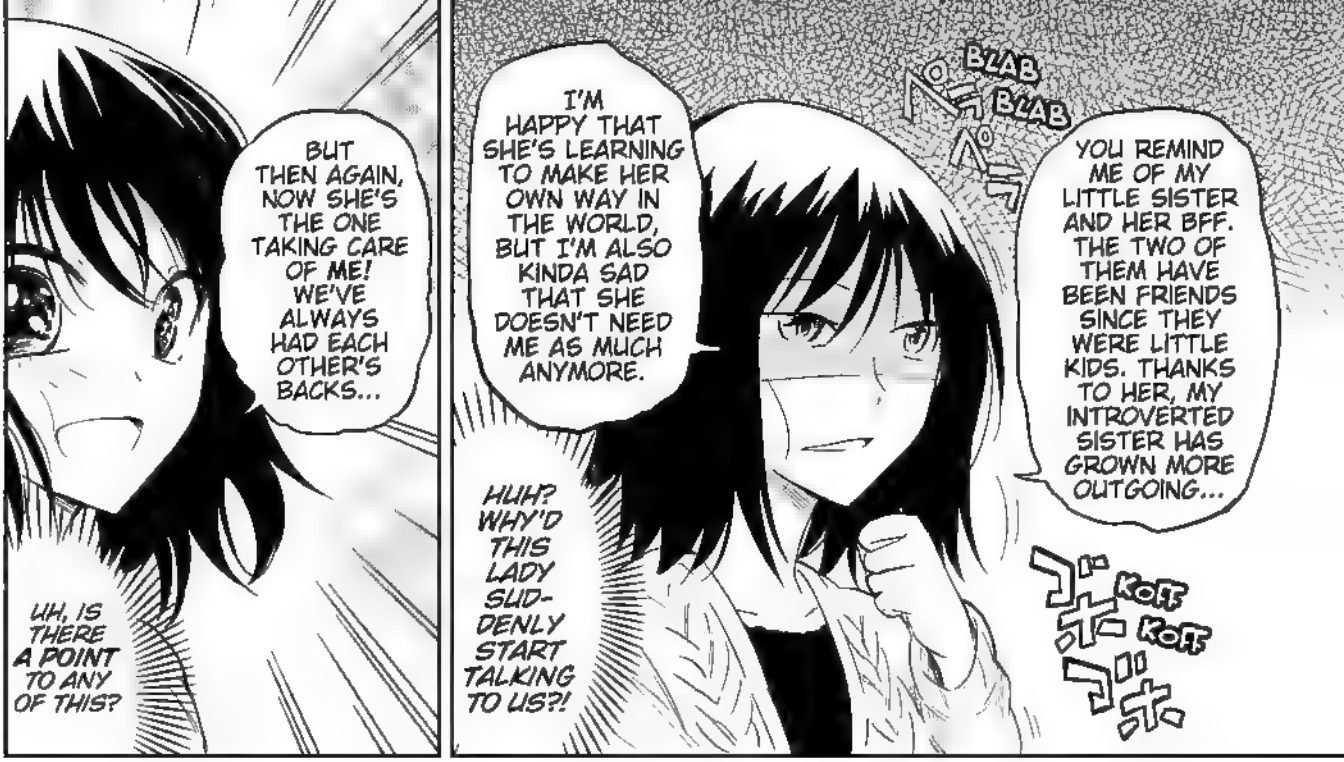
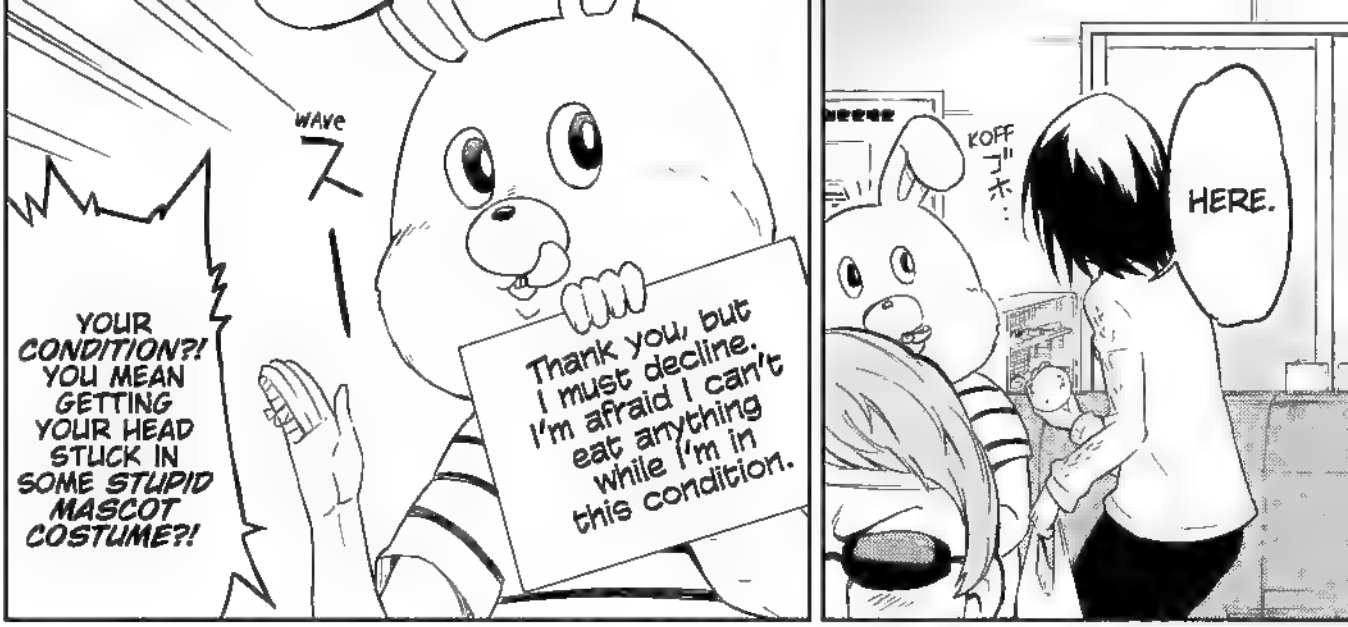
MY, YOU TWO SEEM LIKE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS!
NOPE.
DON'T YOU KNOW FOR SURE? HAVEN'T YOU BEEN HERE?
YOU SAID THIS PLACE IS "SUPPOSED" TO BE GOOD!!
Just a few pages ago!
WHY YOU---!!


BUT THEN AGAIN, NOW SHE'S THE ONE TAKING CARE OF ME! WE'VE ALWAYS HAD EACH OTHER'S BACKS...
UH, IS THERE A POINT TO ANY OF THIS?
I'M HAPPY THAT SHE'S LEARNING TO MAKE HER OWN WAY IN THE WORLD, BUT I'M ALSO KINDA SAD THAT SHE DOESN'T NEED ME AS MUCH ANYMORE.
BLAB BLAB
YOU REMIND ME OF MY LITTLE SISTER AND HER BFF. THE TWO OF THEM HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE THEY WERE LITTLE KIDS. THANKS TO HER, MY INTROVERTED SISTER HAS GROWN MORE OUTGOING...
KOFF KOFF
HUH? WHY'D THIS LADY SUD-DENLY START TALKING TO US?!

HERE! THESE ARE FRESH VEGGIES FROM THE KITCHEN GARDEN MY SISTER MADE FOR ME. TAKE SOME!
YOU'RE GIVING THEM AWAY TO A COM-PLETE STRAN-GER?!
SHE JUST LIKES TO RAMBLE ON. IGNORE HER.
AHA! SO SHE'S A REGU-LAR HERE!

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF EATING IN A CLINIC'S WAITING ROOM...
Especially something handed to me by a person who's been coughing all over everything
I KINDA WANT TO WASH IT FIRST... ACTUALLY, NO! I DON'T WANNA EAT IT AT ALL!
GO ON. DON'T BE SHY!
YOU WANT ME TO EAT IT RIGHT NOW?!
KOFF
HERE YA GO!
UH... THANKS?

HEH. I GUESS TRYING TO READ THAT HEAVY MANGA ANTHOLOGY WITH MY POOR, HORRIBLY MANGLED HANDS WAS TOO MUCH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
HEY, ATARU, YOU'RE REALLY HUNGRY RIGHT NOW, AREN'T YOU?
URG!
DROP
HERE, HAVE ONE.
HM?
OH MY GOD, THAT'S EVEN WORSE THAN EATING IT MYSELF!!
WOOH!
AAH!!
MY HANDS ARE TOTALLY OUT OF COMMISSION! KENJI, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FEED ME SMALL, ADORABLY PORTIONED PIECES!
HUH? ARE YOU REALLY GETTING ALL PHILOSOPHICAL JUST BECAUSE SOMEBODY GAVE YOU A CARROT?!
HOW VERY IRONIC.
HEH.
I'VE SPENT MY LIFE TAKING THINGS FROM OTHERS, BUT TODAY, SOMEONE HAS GIVEN SOMETHING TO ME.


WAVE
Thank you, but I must decline. I'm afraid I can't eat anything while I'm in this condition.
YOUR CONDITION?! YOU MEAN GETTING YOUR HEAD STUCK IN SOME STUPID MASCOT COSTUME?!
KOFF ゴホ…
HERE.

HEY, JACKASS! DON'T BE SO RUDE TO THE POOR WOMAN!
WHAT-EVER! YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE, YOU IDIOT!
No, you've got it all wrong. I'm only here today because I sprained my pinky when I tried to wrest this mask off my head.

No outside food either!
THIS IS A WAITING ROOM, PEOPLE. KEEP IT DOWN.
THANK YOU!
DON'T TELL ME THEY'RE GOING TO START FIGHTING OVER THAT?!
YOU COULD HAVE JUST TAKEN IT HOME WITH YOU!!

WELL, UH...WELL, YOU COULD JUST TAKE IT HOME AND, UH, GIVE IT TO A NEIGHBOR!
AND YOU'RE ALSO PUSHING IT!
I'm sorry, but both my son and I dislike vegetables. I'm not trying to be rude but it'd be a waste for me to take it home. The polite thing to do is turn it down.
NOW THAT'S AN AWFULLY LONG-WINDED EXCUSE!
THAT MEANS YOU, TOO, SPIKY-HAIR! YOUR CONSTANT STREAM OF COMEBACKS IS THE MOST IRRITATING THING OF ALL!!
WHAT, ME?! SHOULDN'T YOU GO AFTER WHOEVER STARTED--
AUGH !!
SHUT UP, ALL OF YOU !!!
YOU TELL 'EM, LADY!
WSH
WSH
HEH. SINCE YOU STOOD UP, THAT MEANS YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR SOME ACTION, EH? I'M A PRO AT THIS KIND OF STUFF, Y'KNOW. YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
A PRO AT WHAT?! HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT QUIET-LY--
SHUT UP !!
GAH!!
WSH
Well then, it looks like we shall just have to settle this...quietly.
YOU SAY QUIETLY, BUT YOU'VE GOT A SERIOUS-LY CREEPY VIBE...

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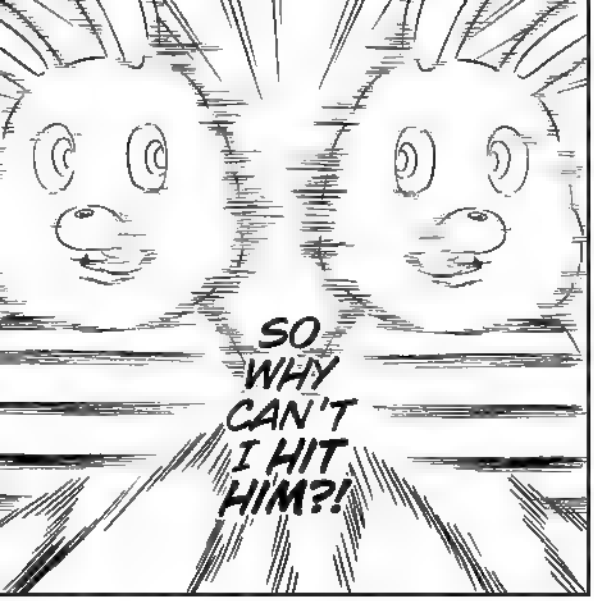
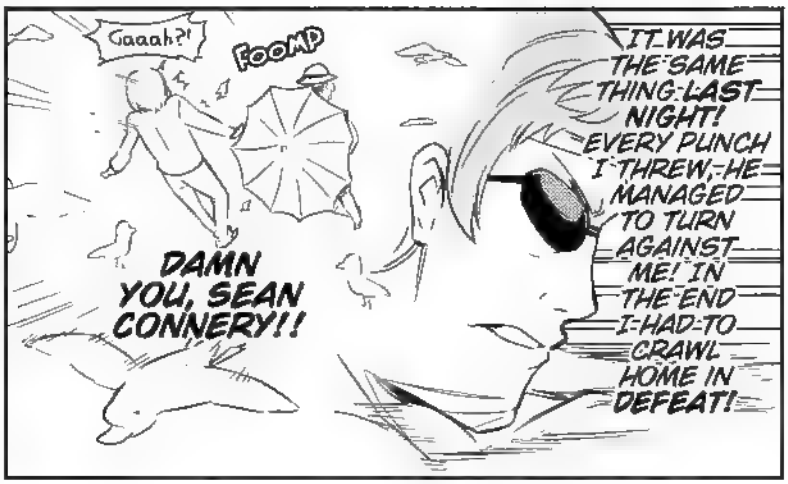
LET'S DO THIS!
WOOSH
WOULD YOU JUST SHUT UP?! WHAT, CAN'T HOLD IT IN FOR EVEN ONE PANEL?!
SEE?! I KNEW IT! THEY'RE GOING TO BE EVEN LOUDER, NOW! AND THAT RABBIT GUY SPOKE, TOO!!
You're good!
HEY, IT'S NOT MY FAULT! IT'S THE UNIVERSE'S FAULT FOR PUTTING ME IN THIS SITUATION!!
AND IN SAYING THAT, YOU'VE MADE YET ANOTHER COME-BACK!
UM, EXCUSE ME, BUT YOUR COMEBACKS ARE GIVING ME A HEADACHE. COULD YOU KEEP IT DOWN, PLEASE?
WHAT?! MY COMEBACKS ARE GIVING YOU A HEADACHE, BUT NONE OF THIS OTHER CRAP BOTHERS YOU?!
WSH WSH WSH
SURPRIS-INGLY ENOUGH, THOSE TWO ARE BEING REALLY QUIET! IT'S EVERYONE ELSE THAT'S LOUD!
YOU'RE BEING JUST AS LOUD AS ME, Y'KNOW?!
WELL, RIGHT NOW, I'M CURSING THE UNI-VERSE FOR PUTTING YOU IN THIS WAITING ROOM, SO SHUT UP!!


SO WHY CAN'T I HIT HIM?!

WHY?!
I'M A STREET FIGHTING MASTER!

BUT, STILL.. SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT!
I WAS BEATEN BLACK AND BLUE YESTERDAY, SO HOW COME I CAN STILL MOVE AT MY NORMAL SPEED? WHAT HAPPENED TO MY INJURIES?!

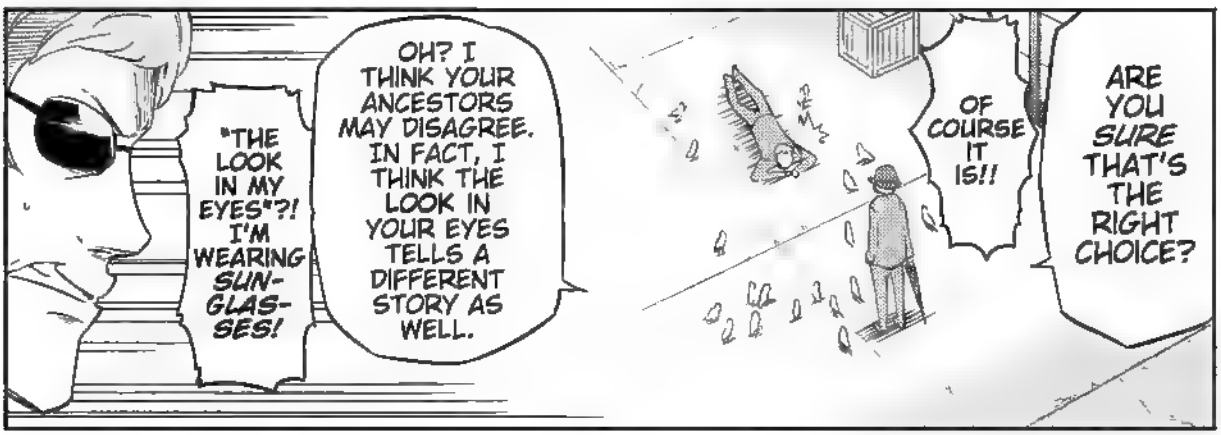

Gaaah?!
FOOMP
DAMN YOU, SEAN CONNERY!!
IT WAS THE SAME THING LAST NIGHT! EVERY PUNCH I THREW, HE MANAGED TO TURN AGAINST ME! IN THE END I HAD TO CRAWL HOME IN DEFEAT!

WERE YOU MOCKING ME THE WHOLE TIME?!
YOU HAVE EXTRA-ORDINARY TALENT, YOUNG MAN.

OR MAYBE...
SEAN CONNERY, DID YOU GO EASY ON ME?!

THEY'RE GONE! THE PAIN, THE BRUISES... THEY'RE COMPLETELY GONE!

I'M GOING TO USE MY FAMILY'S SECRET NINJA SKILLS TO HELP MYSELF! SCREW EVERYONE ELSE!
D-DON'T BE STUPID...
WHY DON'T YOU TRY USING THOSE SKILLS FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY?
HOW ABOUT IT?

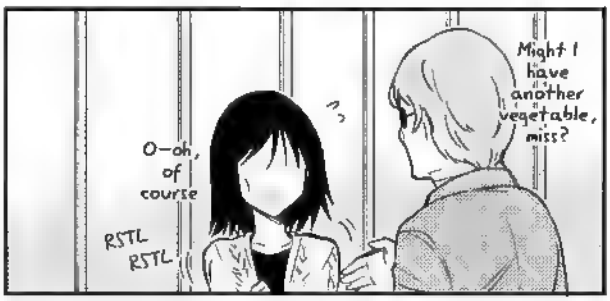

"THE LOOK IN MY EYES"?! I'M WEARING SUN-GLASS-ES!
OH? I THINK YOUR ANCESTORS MAY DISAGREE. IN FACT, I THINK THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES TELLS A DIFFERENT STORY AS WELL.
OF COURSE IT IS!!
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE?

LIKE YOU KNOW ME!!
HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ME...
Certified Ninja!
DAMN IT ALL... !!
DAMMIT...!

HOW ...?!
THUK
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN SEE WELL THROUGH THAT MASK, YET YOU HAVE MANAGED TO EVADE EVERY ONE OF MY ATTACKS.
SO YOU MUST HAVE BEEN READING MY KILLER AURA TO TRACK MY MOVES.
BUT!
THUD
POP
KRAK
THERE WAS NO KILLER INTENT BEHIND THAT LAST STRIKE.

AH, I SEE!
IT SEEMS YOU GOT ME, GOOD SIR!

HERE.
SLIP...


Might I have another vegetable, miss?
O-oh, of course
RSTL
RSTL

AH WELL. I GUESS IF YOU PUT THEM IN A CURRY, VEGETABLES AREN'T THAT BAD.
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THAT'S IT?!
WHAT?!!
What a touching story!
CLAP CLAP CLAP.

YOU COME IN WRAPPED IN MORE BANDAGES THAN A MUMMY, AND NOW YOU'RE MIRACULOUSLY "HEALED"?!
WELL, UH, IT SEEMS WHATEVER INJURIES I HAD ALL HEALED, SO I'LL BE OFF, NOW!

JUST GET OUT OF HERE, YOU FAKER!!
SO, UH, I GUESS I'LL BE TAKING MY LEAVE AS WELL.
I CAME HERE TO HAVE THEM GET THAT BUNNY HEAD OFF, BUT THAT'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.
ACTUALLY, THE STORY ABOUT MY SPRAINED PINKY WAS JUST AN EXCUSE.

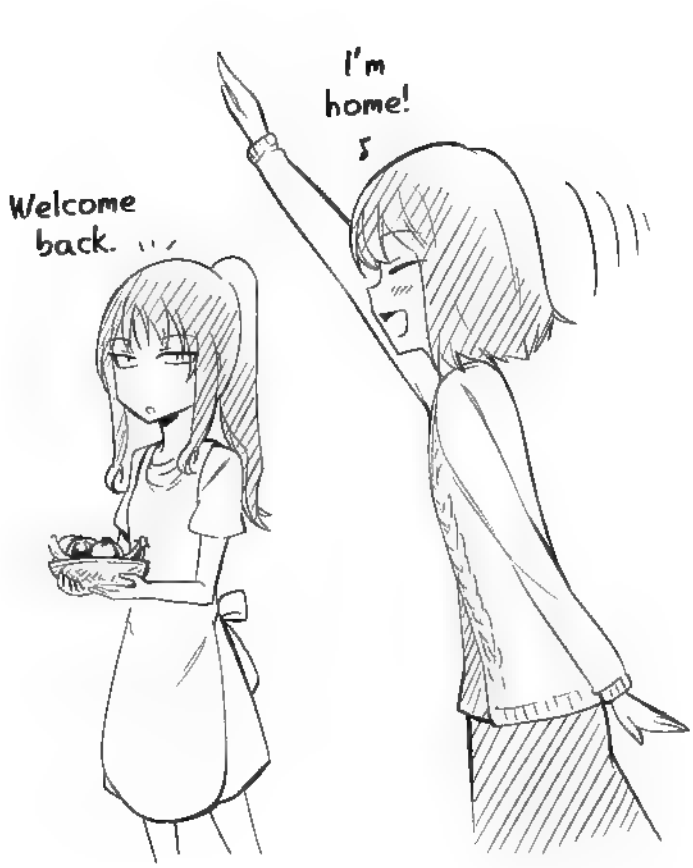
ALL OF A SUDDEN, I FEEL SO MUCH LIGHTER...
YEAH, BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT LUGGING AROUND A BAG OF VEGGIES!
HUH?! YOU JUST CAME HERE TO HAND OUT VEGE-TABLES?! YOU AREN'T REALLY SICK, ARE YOU?!
I GUESS I'LL JUST GO HOME AND TAKE A NAP.
RSTL
RSTL
OH! I'M ALL OUT OF VEGE-TABLES.

A SORT-OF CLINIC
SEE YOU LATER!
GOOD RID-DANCE !!!

HUH ?!
THERE SURE WERE A LOT OF PATIENTS TODAY.

ET CETERA

KAZAMA KENJI-SAN, THE DOCTOR WILL SEE YOU NOW.
WHA ?!


I'm home!
Welcome back.

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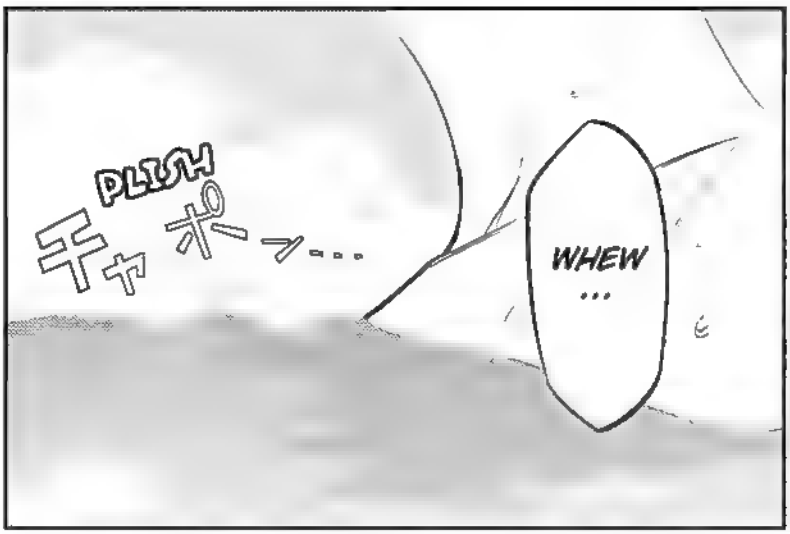
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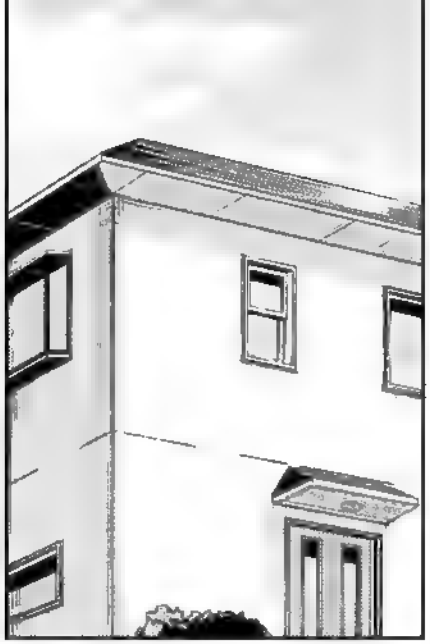

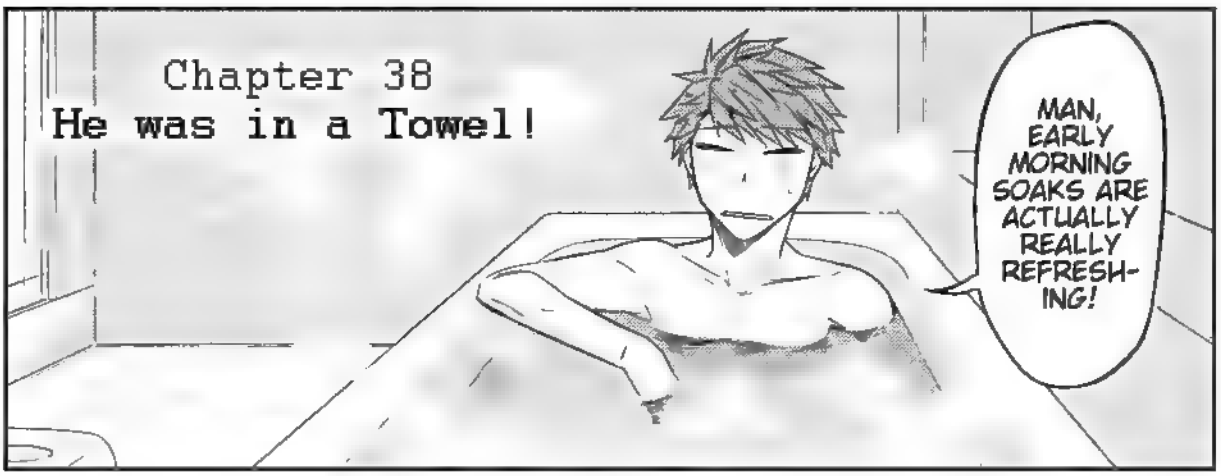
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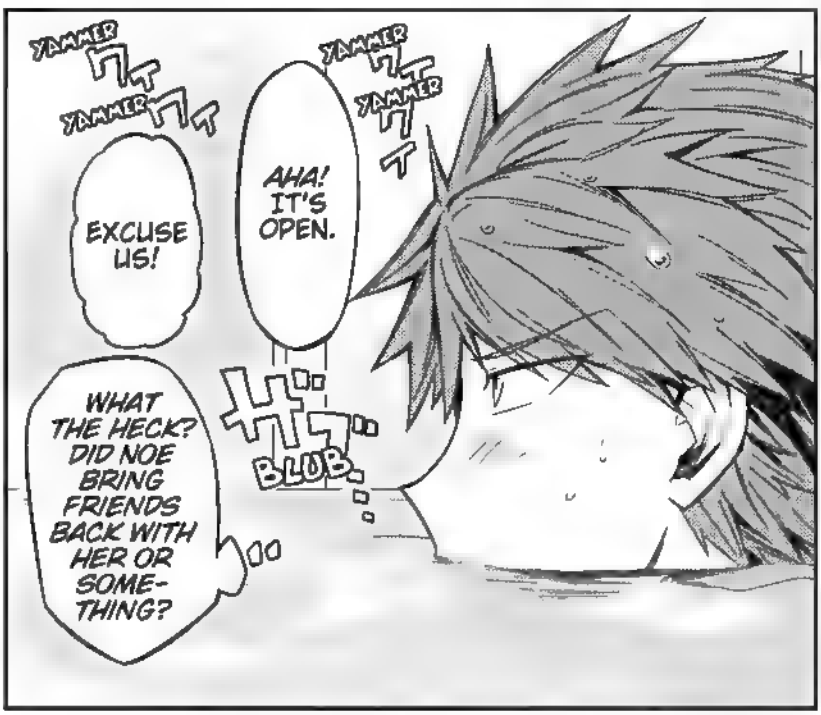
He was in a Towel!
MAN, EARLY MORNING SOAKS ARE ACTUALLY REALLY REFRESHING!


YAMMER
YAMMER
EXCUSE US!
AHA! IT'S OPEN.
YAMMER
YAMMER
BLUB.
WHAT THE HECK? DID NOE BRING FRIENDS BACK WITH HER OR SOMETHING?

KA-CHAK
THAT MUST BE NOE, BACK FROM THE MINI MART...

YAMMER YAMMER
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BLOOOOH
NOE'CHI SAID IN HER TEXT THAT HE SHOULD BE HERE.
SO THIS IS KAZAMA-SAN'S HOME. HMM, BUT I DON'T SEE HIM. KAZAMA-SAN, WHERE ARE YOU?
Hmph!!
I'M GOING TO GO CHECK OUT THEIR YARD.
GAAAH! THEY FOUND OUT WHERE I LIVE!!
I SERIOUSLY DON'T WANT THEM HERE, BUT IT'S RUDE TO NOT GO GREET THEM...!!!
GHATTER
GHATTER
GHATTER

...
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OKAY!
NO. IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM IF I JUST SLIP INTO MY ROOM REAL QUICK, JUMP INTO SOME CLOTHES, AND THEN GO DOWN AND DEAL WITH THEM. RIGHT? RIGHT!
WAIT A MINUTE. THAT MIGHT BE A BAD IDEA...

I CAN'T LET THEM SEE MY ROOM!!
CRAP, I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!

YIKES! HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PRO-BLEM!
How do they know where my room is?
LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK!
MAYBE! SEMPAI'S ROOM IS SUPPOSED TO BE UP ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
HMM. MAYBE KAZAMA-SAN IS STILL ASLEEP?
TAP

WHAT, HE'S HERE TOO?
ERM...
BARGING INTO SOMEONE'S ROOM IS UNACCEPTABLE! WHAT IF KAZAMA-KUN IS STILL ASLEEP AND NOT PROPERLY DRESSED?
?!
TWITCH
NO, NO, WE CAN'T DO THAT!
HOLY CRAP. SHIO ACTUALLY CONVINCED THEM TO NOT DO SOMETHING?
I'M GLAD YOU BOTH UNDER-STAND.
YEAH! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE A SCENE FROM A DATING SIM! THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AWKWARD!
THANK YOU. IF YOU HADN'T STOPPED US, WE MIGHT HAVE WALKED IN ON KAZAMA-SAN IN A COMPROMISING POSITION.
THAT'S VERY TRUE.
SHE JUST NOTICED ?!
HUH ?!
AH!
BY THE WAY, WHAT IS SHIO-SAN DOING HERE?
L-LET'S ALL TRY TO GET ALONG TODAY. OKAY...?
SKCH
ER... WAIT. PLEASE.
TINGLE
HUH?
AHA. I SEE. BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ER, WELL, I WAS IN MY USUAL SPOT BETWEEN THE SHELF AND THE WALL YESTERDAY AND YOU WERE ALL TALKING ABOUT COMING HERE...
SKIPPED CLUB YESTERDAY BECAUSE HE SAW NO POINT IN GOING.

WAIT, WHAT THE HECK?! WAS THAT KEY DROP THE SIGNAL TO START AN ALL-OUT BRAWL?!
FIGHT IN YOUR OWN HOMES!
THMPA THMPA THMPA
GY AA AH !!
HI YA AA AH !!
WHOOP-SIE! I JUST DROPPED THE KEY.
KLINK
THMPA
THMPA
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GYA-AAH !!
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AAA AAA AH!!
Aaaaaah!!
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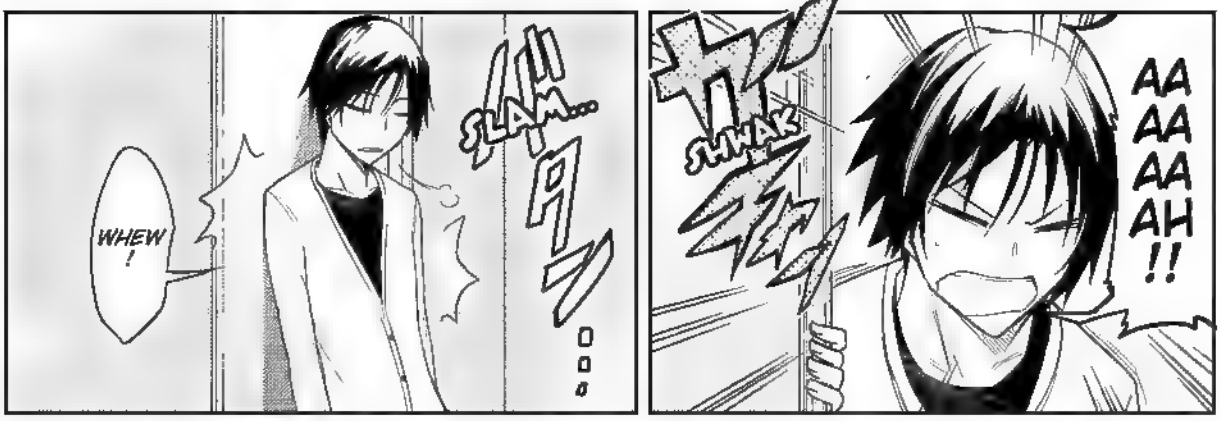
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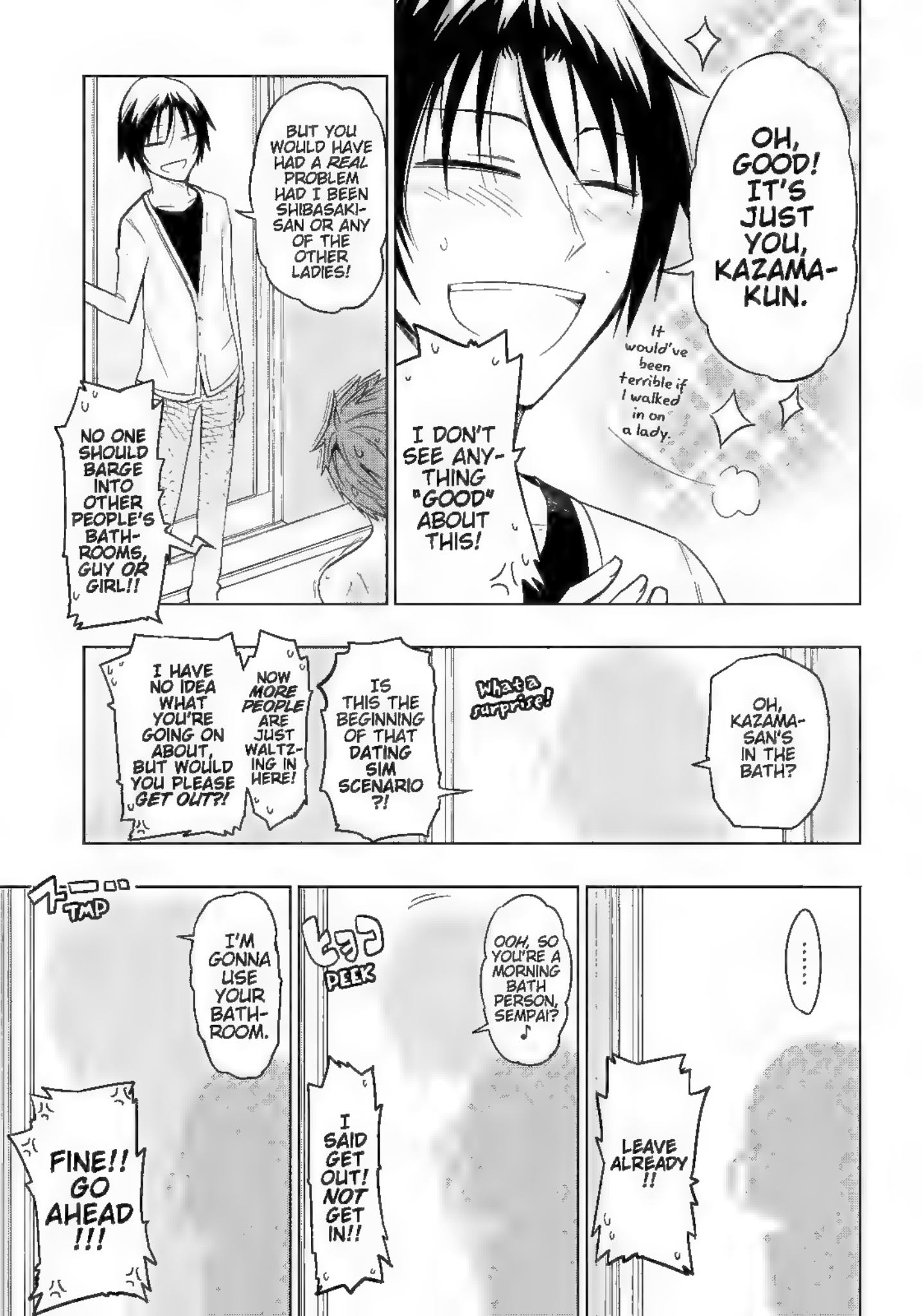
OH, GOOD! IT'S JUST YOU, KAZAMA-KUN.
It would've been terrible if I walked in on a lady.
I DON'T SEE ANY-THING "GOOD" ABOUT THIS!
BUT YOU WOULD HAVE HAD A REAL PROBLEM HAD I BEEN SHIBASAKI-SAN OR ANY OF THE OTHER LADIES!
NO ONE SHOULD BARGE INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BATH-ROOMS, GUY OR GIRL!!
OH, KAZAMA-SAN'S IN THE BATH?
What a surprise!
IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF THAT DATING SIM SCENARIO ?!
NOW MORE PEOPLE ARE JUST WALTZ-ING IN HERE!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE GOING ON ABOUT, BUT WOULD YOU PLEASE GET OUT?!
.....
LEAVE ALREADY !!
PEEK
OOH, SO YOU'RE A MORNING BATH PERSON, SEMPAI? ♪
I SAID GET OUT! NOT GET IN!!
TMP
I'M GONNA USE YOUR BATH-ROOM.
FINE!! GO AHEAD !!!

WHAT? ER, SORRY. I'D REALLY RATHER NOT.
WHY?! YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO LOVES GETTING BEAT UP, RIGHT?!
Move!!
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YOU CAUSED THIS MESS! GET OUT THERE AND GET THEM TO LEAVE!!
WELL?! THE REST OF YOU CAN GET LOST TOO!
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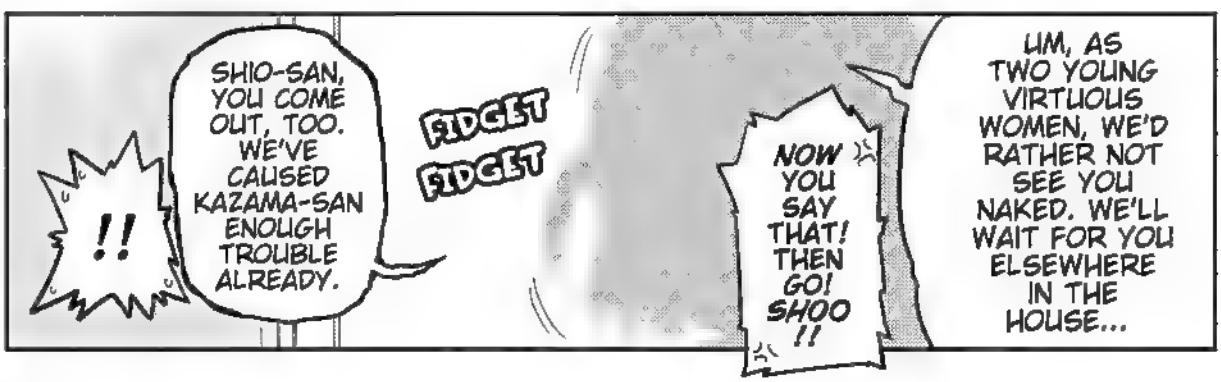
IT'S A VICIOUS CYCLE!
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I LOSE OUT ON HAVING FUN WITH THE REST OF THE CLUB!
TRUE. WHEN SHIBASAKI-SAN GRACES ME WITH ONE OF HER BAGS OVER MY HEAD, I DO TEND TO, AH...LOSE CONTROL.
OKAY, OKAY!! BUT WHY DO WE HAVE TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER IN MY BATHROOM?!
I'M AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE GAME DEV. CLUB (TEMP), TOO, YOU KNOW! I WANT TO JOIN IN CLUB ACTIVITIES AND SPEND TIME WITH EVERYONE!!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SHIO-SAN, YOU COME OUT, TOO. WE'VE CAUSED KAZAMA-SAN ENOUGH TROUBLE ALREADY.
FIDGET FIDGET
NOW YOU SAY THAT! THEN GO! SHOO!!
UM, AS TWO YOUNG VIRTUOUS WOMEN, WE'D RATHER NOT SEE YOU NAKED. WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU ELSEWHERE IN THE HOUSE...

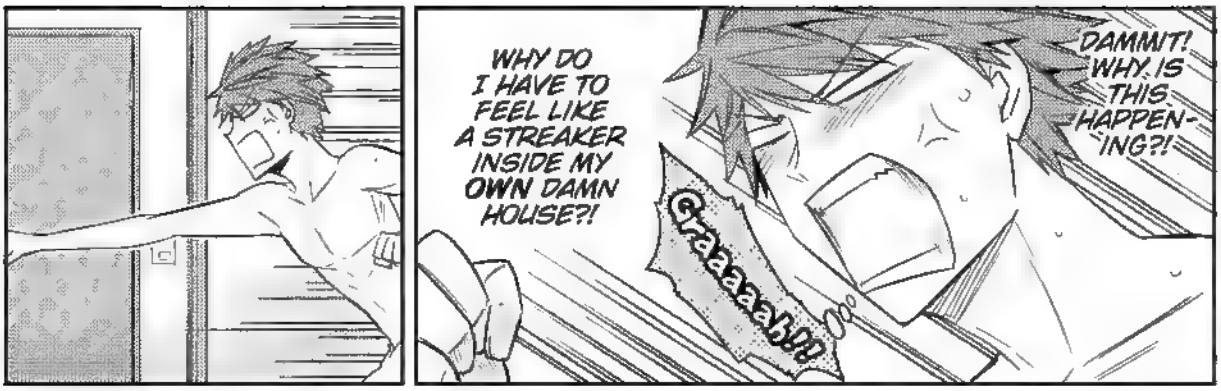
WHAT?! ARE YOU TELLING ME TO HAND OVER MY PANTS, TOO?!
YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE TO STAY, AREN'T YOU?!
KLINK
SHFL
SHIFF
HERE. PLEASE USE THIS TO COVER YOURSELF.
UH, NO THANKS! BESIDES, THAT WOULD ONLY COVER MY TOP HALF!!

ONE MIN-UTE.
UH, EXCUSE ME? "THE MOST I CAN DO FOR YOU"?! DON'T THREATEN ME IN MY OWN HOME!!
THAT IS THE MOST I CAN DO FOR YOU.
KRAK!
ALL RIGHT. WE WILL GO TO THE LIVING ROOM AND WAIT FOR ONE MINUTE.

IF YOU'RE GONNA PLAY HIDE AND SEEK ...
DO IT ON THE FIRST FLOOR ONLY.
KAZAMA-SAN, DOES YOUR ROOM HAVE A LOCK ON THE DOOR?

THMPA THMPA THMPA THMPA
Come back here!!
AAAAAHHH!!
KA-CHAK
NOW TO GET SOME CLOTHES ON...
KREEE
WHEW. THEY'RE FINALLY GONE.

KREEK...
AAARGH!! WHY DID THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THE DOOR WIDE OPEN ?!!


WHY DO I HAVE TO FEEL LIKE A STREAKER INSIDE MY OWN DAMN HOUSE?!
DAMMIT! WHY IS THIS HAPPEN-ING?!
Graaaaaah!!

KA-CHAK
KUSSSSSH

KA-CHAK
UM, IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL, BUT PLEASE COME IN...
THANKS!

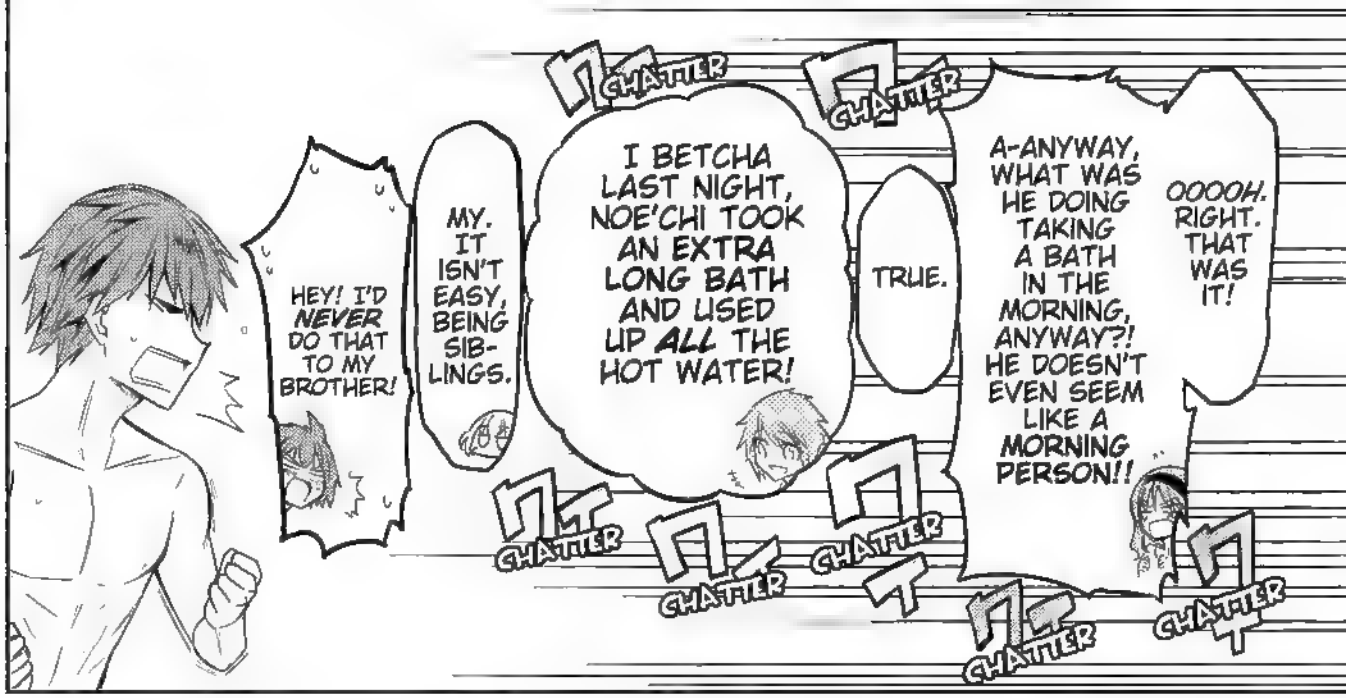
HUH?

SWAK
TMP TMP
TMP TMP TMP
SLAM
BLUB BLUB BLUB
SPLASH
BLOOSH
I HATE YOUR GUTS!!
DAMN YOU, GUY WHO DE-SIGNED THIS HOUSE!!

DID YOU, AH... SEE ANY-THING?
SEE WHAT?!
I'M SO SORRY! HE'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE! REALLY, I SWEAR!
WHAT?! HE DOES --?!
SO KAZAMA'S GOT AN EXHIBI-TIONIST STREAK IN HIM.
OH GOD, OH GOD, OH GOD...
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?!
NOT BAD, KENJI!
OH, HEY, NOE'CHI!
THMPA

YEAH. THAT JUST MEANS...
HUH? BUT THAT'S JUST...!
AND WHY ARE YOU SAY-ING IT?!
FROM HIS BELLY-BUTTON, UM...DOWN... THERE WAS THIS...BIG WHITE SPACE...
WAH?! SHIBASAKI-SEMPAI, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE HER SAY?!
GLANCE OF WHAT?
UM, I-IT WAS ONLY JUST A QUICK GLANCE, BUT...

WHA?!
HE WAS WEARING A TOWEL!!


HEY! I'D NEVER DO THAT TO MY BROTHER!
MY. IT ISN'T EASY, BEING SIB-LINGS.
I BETCHA LAST NIGHT, NOE'CHI TOOK AN EXTRA LONG BATH AND USED UP ALL THE HOT WATER!
TRUE.
A-ANYWAY, WHAT WAS HE DOING TAKING A BATH IN THE MORNING, ANYWAY?! HE DOESN'T EVEN SEEM LIKE A MORNING PERSON!!
OOOOH. RIGHT. THAT WAS IT!
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER

HUNH.
HM.
WELL, THAT'S AWFUL BORING.
AND HE PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE IT BY RIPPING IT OFF RIGHT AWAY TO TAKE A BATH, SO HE WAITED UNTIL THIS MORNING INSTEAD!
HE JUST PUT A NEW PACK ON LAST NIGHT...

OH, HE'S BEEN HURT?
WOW, I WONDER WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPEN-ED!
I...I'M SURE HE'S ONLY BEEN TAKING MORNING BATHS BECAUSE HE'S BEEN HURT SO MUCH LATELY! HE'S EVEN BEEN USING HOT PACKS!!
Waah!

KNEW WHAT?!
YOU KNEW IT?!
I KNEW IT!!
UH, YEAH I DO GET STIFF SHOULDERS FAIRLY OFTEN. HOW DID YOU KNOW?
YOU MUST HAVE CONSTANT BACK PAIN FROM HOLDING UP ALL THAT... WEIGHT.
GULP!
DOOOOOM
HUH? WHA?
I KNEW IT TOO!

I'M SURE YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT HOT PACKS, TAKAO-SAN!
HUH? ME?! WH-WHY WOULD I?

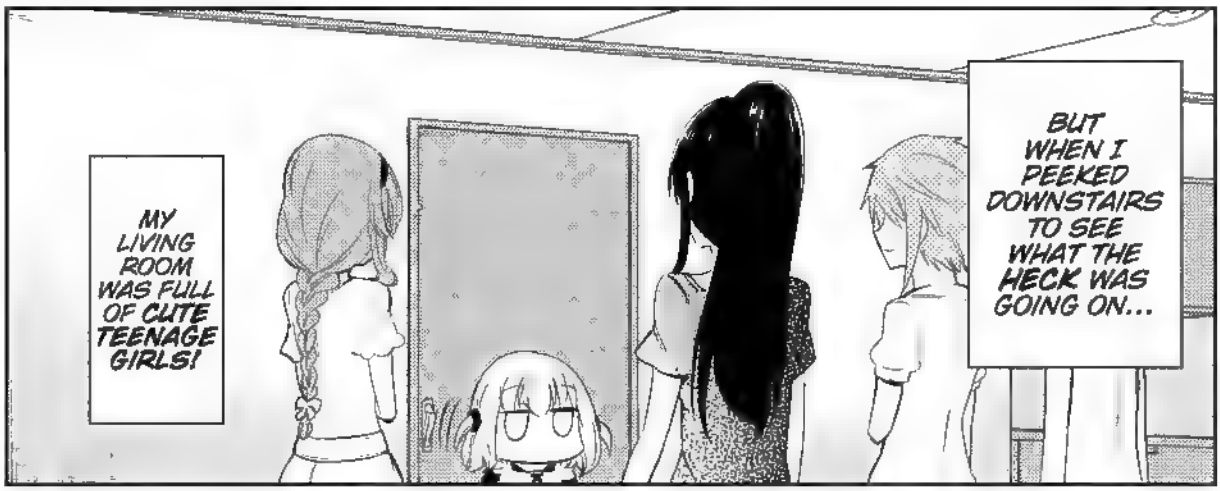
FREEZE
DON'T YOU ALL GET STIFF SHOULDERS, TOO?
HUH?! WAIT, NO!! KAZAMA'S STILL IN THERE!!!
!!!
BAAST!
NOW I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SENTENCE YOU TO WEARING KAZAMA-SAN'S USED HOT PACKS!!
TADA
WHAM
THIS... THIS CANNOT BE FOR-GIVEN.
DEFI-NITE-LY.
NO, IT CAN'T.
FSSSSS
YEEEEEK
Hold still!
Oh! This one even smells like Kazama-san!
All I smell is the medicine-reek of a hot pack!!
HOW DARE YOU?! THIS IS FOR THE TAKAO FAMILY'S ELDER, FLAT-CHESTED DAUGHT-ERS!! RAAH!!
NO! I-I DON'T NEED A HOT PACK! MOM AND I USUALLY JUST GIVE EACH OTHER SHOULDER MASSAGES!
SQUEK
YAMMER
YAMMER
YOU'VE GOT NO ONE TO BLAME BUT YOUR-SELF, TAKAO!
RAA-AAH!
EEEP !!
WAIT! KAZAMA'S USED WHAT?! NOOO!!
OH MY GOODNESS, THERE REALLY IS ONE RIGHT HERE! KAZAMA-SAN ACTUALLY HAD IT SET OUT SO IT COULD BE REUSED!
YAMMER

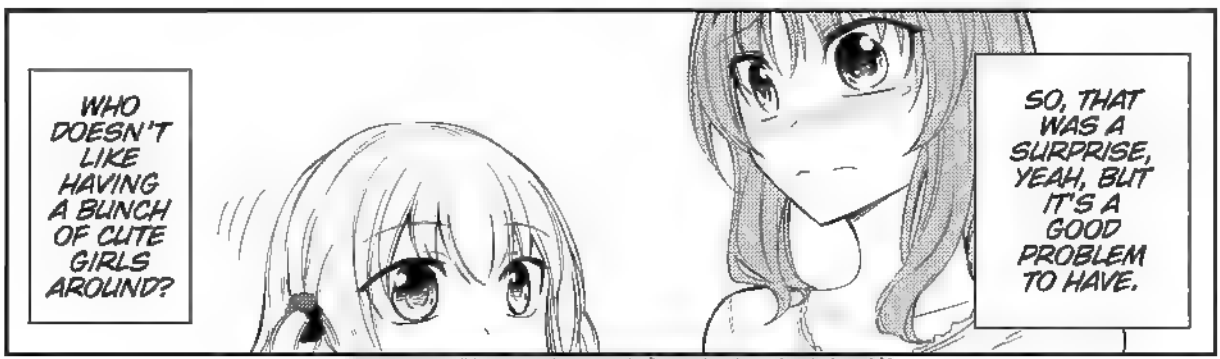
HEH HEH HEH! GET READY FOR REVENGE OF THE FLAT-CHESTS!
ULU-UGH!
OOPS.
ER.. AHEM!
LADIES! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS AT LEAST ONE GUY HERE AS WELL.
EEEK!!
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU STARING AT, PERV?!
POW
WAK
YOU, SIR, ARE A PER-VERTED JERK!!
BIFF
BOP!
GYA AAA AAH ?!
SPLAT
I'M AFRAID IT'S TOO LATE! PRE-PARE YOUR-SELF!!
YOU HAVE TO LET ME IN THERE! I'LL LEND YOU MY PANTS, JUST LET ME IN! PLEASE!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
KENJI?! KENJI, THIS IS BAD! LIKE, REALLY BAD!
JUST GO HOME! ALL OF YOU!!

POINK
POINK
POINK

D-FRAGMENTS
ディーふらぐ!

I GOT WOKEN UP THIS MORNING BY LOTS OF YELLING AND STOMPING.
KYAAAA!?
FWUMP
What the heck was that?!
THIS ...IS QUITE THE PICKLE.


MY LIVING ROOM WAS FULL OF CUTE TEENAGE GIRLS!
BUT WHEN I PEEKED DOWNSTAIRS TO SEE WHAT THE HECK WAS GOING ON...


WHO DOESN'T LIKE HAVING A BUNCH OF CUTE GIRLS AROUND?
SO, THAT WAS A SURPRISE, YEAH, BUT IT'S A GOOD PROBLEM TO HAVE.

AND WHERE'S MY IDIOT SON?

Chapter 39
Call Me Ma'am

HELLO THERE, MOTHER. YOU LOOK A LOT LIKE JULIA ROBERTS.
OKAY, THAT'S LAYING IT ON A LITTLE THICK!

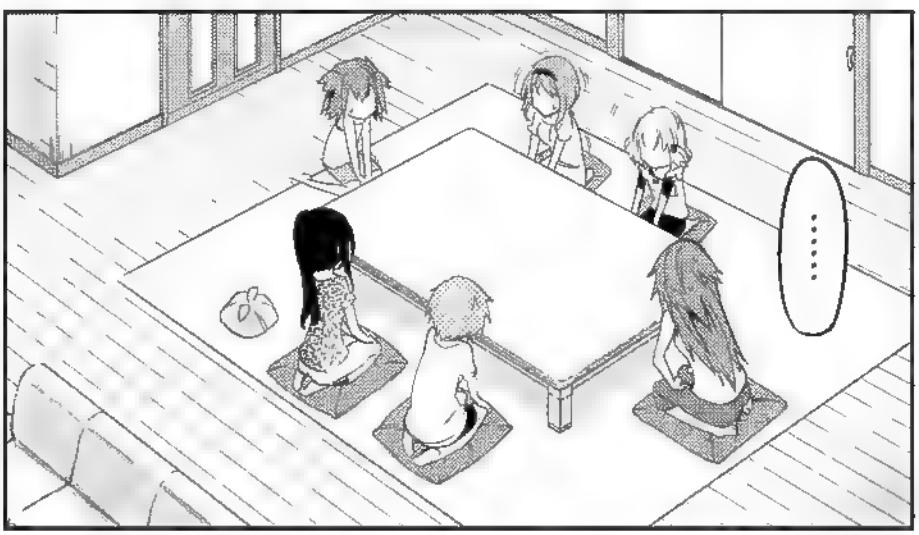
MOM'S HERE?!
WHAT ?!

MOM ?!
UH, YEAH. I'M KENJI AND NOE'S MOM.
NOT YOURS, THOUGH.
SO, MY HOUSE IS OVERRUN BY CUTE, NICE-LOOKING GIRLS...

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE

SO, UH...
ALLOW US TO INTRO-DUCE OUR-SELVES.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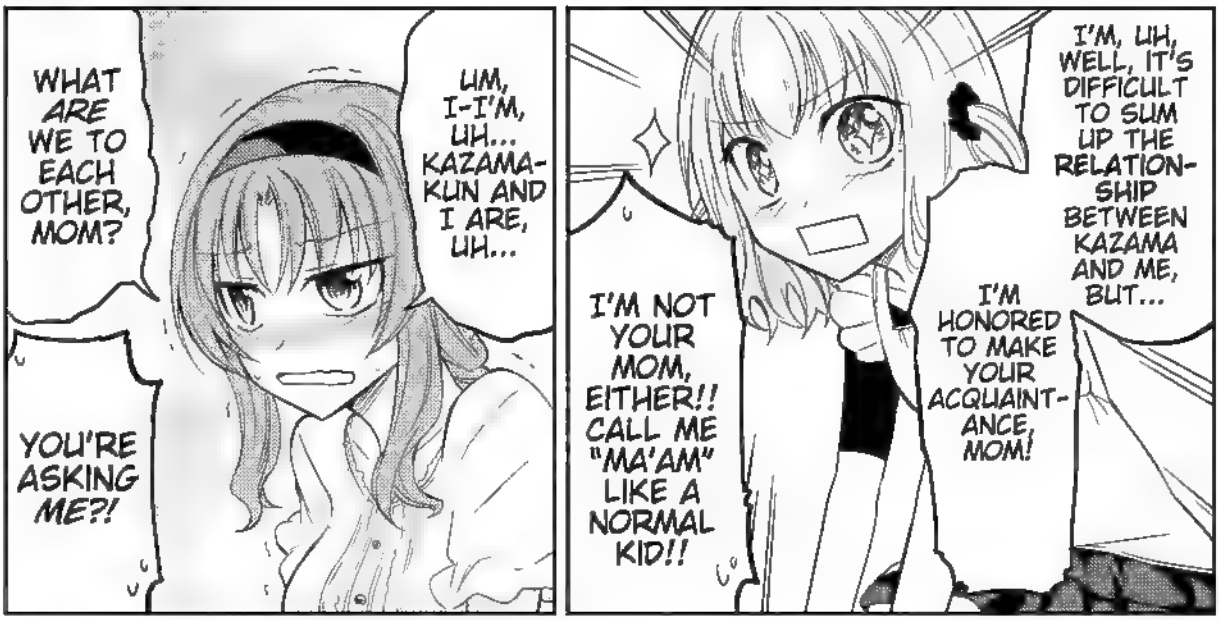
HI! I'M SAKURA, AND I'M KENJI-ONIICHAN AND NOE'CHI'S SISTER!
HUH? SISTER?!
I DON'T REMEMBER HAVING ANY PINK-HAIRED BABIES!
MY NAME IS CHITOSE KARASUYAMA. I'M THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AT FUJOU ACADEMY, WHICH BOTH KENJI-KUN AND NOE-SAN ATTEND.
WHA?! THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT?! WELL, UH, THANK YOU FOR COMING TO SEE US!


UM, I-I'M, UH... KAZAMA-KUN AND I ARE, UH...
WHAT ARE WE TO EACH OTHER, MOM?
YOU'RE ASKING ME?!
I'M, UH, WELL, IT'S DIFFICULT TO SUM UP THE RELATION-SHIP BETWEEN KAZAMA AND ME, BUT...
I'M HONORED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINT-ANCE, MOM!
I'M NOT YOUR MOM, EITHER!! CALL ME "MA'AM" LIKE A NORMAL KID!!

ALLOW ME TO HELP.
NAH, THAT'S OKAY! YOU'RE A GUEST. RELAX!
THUD

OH! MOM, WE SHOULD SERVE DRINKS AND SNACKS TO EVERY-ONE!
ALIGH! FOR THE UMP-TEENTH TIME, I AM NOT YOUR--
NO WAIT. YOU ARE MY KID! SORRY ABOUT THAT, DAUGH-TER OF MINE!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
LET ME ASSIST YOU
NO, IT'S FINE! SIT BACK, RELAX, GET SOME BLOOD FLOW BACK IN YOUR LEGS!

MY LEGS MAY BE NUMB, BUT I STILL HAVE MY ARMS!
HNNGH!!
NO, REALLY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO! AND WHERE DID YOU GET THAT UPPER BODY STRENGTH ?!
I-I CAN DO IT TOO!
QUIVER QUIVER QUIVER
TH-THERE! SEE?!
WHA?! YOU DID IT TOO?! WHAT KIND OF CLUB DID YOU SAY YOU WERE IN?!
THE GAME DEVELOP-MENT CLUB!!
GLEAM
BUT YOU'RE ONLY IN THE (TEMP) ONE!
GLARE!!!
SO PLAIN OLD GYM CLASS GAVE YOU THOSE MUSCLES?! AS A MOM SENDING HER KIDS TO THE SAME SCHOOL, I'M NOT SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT!

I CAN'T DO IT, MOM.
Few can.
!!
GAWD!! WILL YOU ALL PLEASE STOP SETTING ME UP TO MAKE SO MANY COME-BACKS?! I'M NOT A YOUNG WOMAN ANYMORE, Y'KNOW!!
HUFF HUFF HUFF
IT... IT'S IN MY BLOOD!! I CAN'T HELP MYSELF!!!
UGH. ALL THAT SHOUTING HAS MADE ME THIRSTY...
HUH?
GREAT. THERE'S HARDLY ANYTHING IN HERE.
SORRY. I SHOULD HAVE BOUGHT SOME STUFF WHILE I WAS OUT.
NOW WHAT DO WE DO?
HUH?

TH-THAT'S OKAY! I'M PERFECTLY HAPPY DRINKING P-PLAIN TAP WATER. I-I THINK IT'S D-D-DELICIOUS!
Yum!
REALLY?! DIDN'T YOU ALREADY HAVE A BOTTLE OF WATER WITH YOU?!
BESIDES, I CAN'T SERVE TAP WATER TO GUESTS!
UM, I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THAT YOUR YARD LOOKS RATHER... NEGLECTED. IT'S FULL OF WEEDS.
FIDGET
FIDGET
HUH?!
DO YOU MIND IF I, ER... GO AND TIDY IT UP?
I, UH, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GET AROUND TO THAT!

AAAARGH!! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY THAT I'M A LAZY, USELESS MOTHER WHO DOES NOTHING AROUND THE HOUSE!!
THAT'S OKAY, MOM! WE DON'T MIND!
AND WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL ME "MA'AM," LIKE NORMAL KIDS YOUR AGE?!

THOUGH, KENJI-KUN IS A BIT OF A PUNK...
"Kenji-kun"?!
YEAH, I KNOW! BUT EVEN THOUGH HE ACTS LIKE A TOUGH GUY, I HEAR HE STILL GOES TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, SO I DON'T MIND.
YEAH, HE GOES.
MY, YOU'RE LAID BACK!

EVEN WITH A HANDS-OFF PARENT LIKE ME, YOU'VE STILL GROWN INTO A KIND, RESPONSIBLE CHILD.
I LIKE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE, MOM!

I'M SORRY, NOE. I SWEAR I'LL BECOME A MOTHER YOU CAN BE PROUD OF.
IT'S OKAY, MOM. ANIKI AND I KNOW JUST HOW MUCH YOU DO FOR US.

MOM USED TO BE ONE TOO?!
The yard...
BESIDES, I USED TO BE A DELINQUENT MYSELF, SO WHO AM I TO TALK?
I HEAR HE'S GOT GOOD FRIENDS AROUND HIM AS WELL. AS LONG AS HE'S HAPPY, I'M HAPPY!
Well, that's nice...

The yard...
UH-OH ...!!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE... I THOUGHT I HEARD ATARU-CHAN'S VOICE HERE AS WELL.
WHERE'S HE AT?
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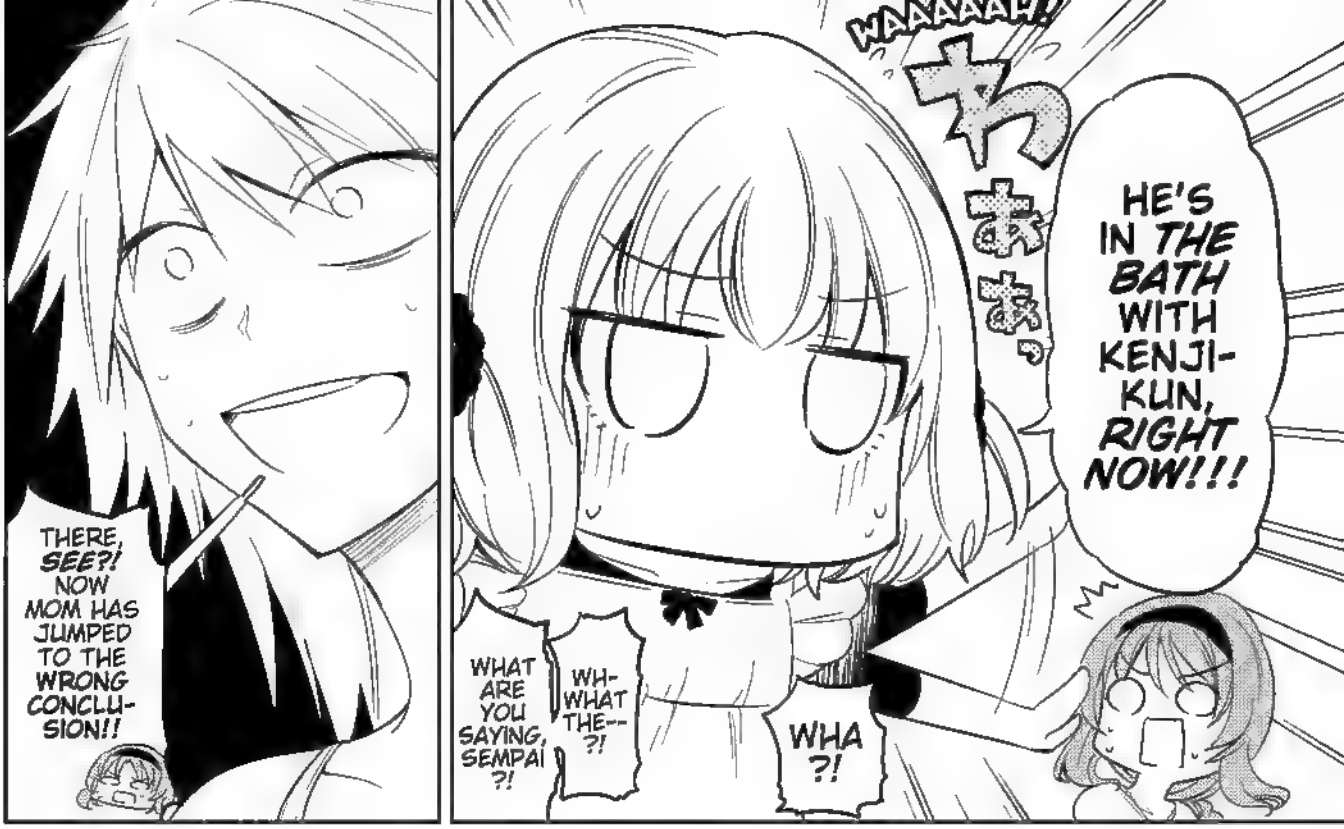
BTAM
OH, RIGHT. KAWAHARA ATARU-KUN. HE'S, AH...


THERE, SEE?! NOW MOM HAS JUMPED TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SEMPAI?!
WH-WHAT THE--?!
WHA?!
WAAAAAH!
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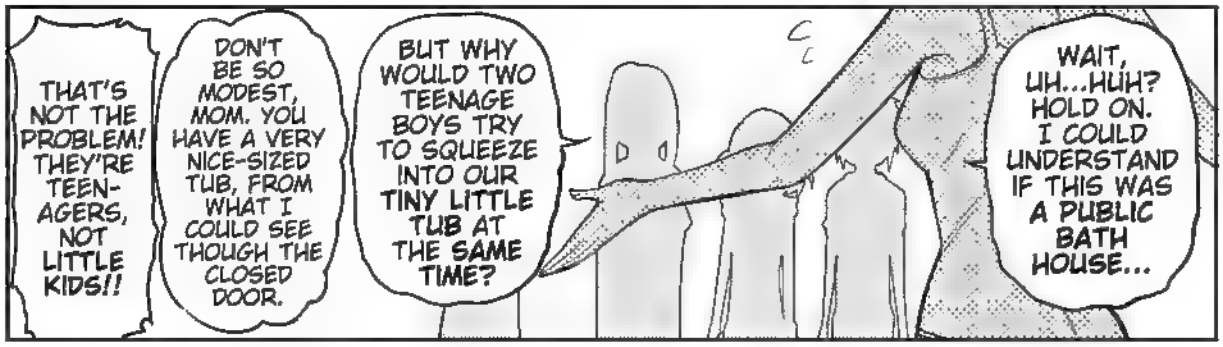
HE'S IN THE BATH WITH KENJI-KUN, RIGHT NOW!!!


THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM! THEY'RE TEEN-AGERS, NOT LITTLE KIDS!!
DON'T BE SO MODEST, MOM. YOU HAVE A VERY NICE-SIZED TUB, FROM WHAT I COULD SEE THOUGH THE CLOSED DOOR.
BUT WHY WOULD TWO TEENAGE BOYS TRY TO SQUEEZE INTO OUR TINY LITTLE TUB AT THE SAME TIME?
WAIT, UH...HUH? HOLD ON. I COULD UNDERSTAND IF THIS WAS A PUBLIC BATH HOUSE...

SLUMP
I'M SURE IT'S OKAY, MOM! BESIDES, GROWN-UPS TAKE BATHS TOGETHER, TOO!
WELL, YEAH! ME AND MY HUBBY DO THAT-- WAIT A MINUTE!! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME SAY, GIRL?! ONLY CERTAIN GROWN-UPS TAKE BATHS TOGETHER!!

I'M THE ONE WHO TWISTED THAT POOR CHILD AROUND SO BADLY.
MOM ?!
ALL OF THIS IS ENTIRELY MY FAULT!
SORRY. I KNOW I SAID I WAS HAPPY AS LONG AS HE WAS HAPPY, BUT I TAKE IT BACK.
MOM ?!
IF I WAS DAD, I'D NEVER GO AWAY AND LEAVE YOU ALL ALONE, MOM.
.....
HMM... NEXT MONTH, PROBABLY. HE'S GOT A LOTTA WORK TO DO, Y'KNOW.
WELL, AREN'T YOU A SWEETIE!
HM?
WHEN'S DAD COMING HOME AGAIN?
HEY, MOM?
STAB
RUFFLE
HA HA HA! WHOEVER YOU MARRY IS GONNA BE A LUCKY GIRL.
'COURSE I'M GONNA!
WHEN YOU GET MARRIED, YOU CAN STAY TOGETHER WITH YOUR WIFE ALL THE TIME. 'KAY?
I'LL NEVER FORGET THE WAY HE LOOKED AT ME...
JEEZ, YOUR HAIR IS SHARP.
OW!

I haven't been able to pat him on the head since...
BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT! BOTH ME AND MY HUBBY HAVE SUPER STIFF HAIR, SO THAT POOR KID GOT THE GENE FROM BOTH SIDES! IN FACT, HIS IS TWICE AS BAD!!
THAT'S WHAT DID IT! MY LACK OF MATERNAL INSTINCT FINALLY COMIN' AROUND TO BITE ME IN THE BUTT!!
NO WONDER BOTH KIDS HAVE SPIKY HAIR!
K-K-KENJI-KUN ONCE, UH, TOLD ME THAT HE LIKES, UM... LARGER CHESTS, SO HE MUST LIKE GIRLS!
"LARGE CHESTS"? YA MEAN BOOBS? ARE YOU SURE HE DIDN'T JUST MEAN BIG PECS?
WHA?
I...I THINK IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT, MOM.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I RECALL ONCE HEARING KENJI-KUN MUMBLE IN HIS SLEEP THAT HE ADORES SHORT, PETITE BLONDE GIRLS BEST OF ALL.
FOR REAL?!
COME ON! THAT'S OBVI-OUSLY A LIE!!
IT IS?!
UM, B-BIG PECS? HUH? COULD THAT BE...? OH MY GOSH! HAVE I HAD THE WRONG IDEA THIS WHOLE TIME?
SNIFFLE SNIFF
WHOA, DID THAT SAP ALL YOUR SELF-CONFI-DENCE?!

I ALSO HEARD YOUR SON MENTION THAT HE PREFERS PONYTAILS TO PIG-TAILS.
FWIIIF
HUH? UH, PONYTAILS AREN'T REALLY GENDER SPECIFIC, SO THAT'S NOT A BIG HELP... AND WHY DID YOU JUST TAKE YOUR HAIR DOWN?!
NOW, ABOUT YOUR YARD...
MY YARD?!
HE SAID HE LOVES HIS LITTLE SISTER, TOO!!
WHOA! I DON'T WANT TO GO DOWN THAT ROAD, THANKS!! AND YOU AREN'T HIS LITTLE SISTER!!
BUT THAT IS PRETTY GENDER-SPECIFIC, AT LEAST.
MOM!!
MOM, LISTEN. I'M SURE ANIKI IS A PERFECTLY NORMAL, STRAIGHT TEENAGE BOY. IT'S OKAY.
Easy now! Easy!
ARE YOU SURE? IS THERE ANYTHING... SPECIAL BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR BROTHER?
SPECIAL ...?! NO!! GROSS!! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, MOM?!
B-BESIDES! ALL THESE GIRLS CAME OVER, RIGHT? ANIKI AND ATARU WERE, Y'KNOW... SWEATY! SO I TOLD 'EM BOTH TO TAKE A BATH AND SHOVED THEM INTO THE TUB!
R-REALLY?
OH...
HE WAS SWEATY...
I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE, THEN. I'M SORRY THAT MY SON SMELLS SO BAD, GIRLS.
N-NO, HE ISN'T THAT--!
WAIT, YES! HE STUNK!! HE STUNK TO HIGH HEAVEN!!
THAT BAD?

GOD...
Y'KNOW WHAT? I'M TIRED AND HUNGR AND THIRSTY.
SO HOW ABOUT I ORDER US SOME SUSHI AND WE ALL HAVE LUNCH?
MY TREAT!
SUSHI?! ♪ OOOOH! THANKS, MOM!!
CALL ME "MA'AM."

One... two...
Three...
PLUS ME MAKES EIGHT.
FREEZE!
HEY, HOW ABOUT WE INVITE MOGUSA-CHAN OVER, TOO?
MO-GUSA-CHAN?

YEAH. SHE'S KENJI AND NOE'S CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.
SHE GOES TO FUJOU ACADEMY, TOO. SHE'S A SECOND YEAR, SO ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS YOU ALL.
WHAT?
UMM...
Knew that.

SOME GIRLS FROM YOUR SCHOOL ARE OVER FOR A VISIT!
REALLY? WHO?
WANNA COME OVER AND HAVE SOME SUSHI WITH US?
SURE!
SHE'S ON HER WAY.
SHOOP
MOGUSA-CHAN! YOU HOME?
OH, HI, AUNTIE KAZAMA! IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
SHE LIVES NEXT DOOR?!
FWOOOOOO...
?!
HIS... HIS...
NO? THEN THIS'LL BE A GREAT CHANCE TO MEET HER!
WHAT, DO YOU ALL KNOW HER ALREADY?
!!
DASH!
BING BONG

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
OH, HI! I'M--
I'M HERE, AUNTIE KAZA-MA!
SHE WHO STRIKES FIRST...
CLAIMS VICTORY !!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
WHAA?!
SCREW UP YOUR COURAGE AND DO IT!!
GULP...
FINISH HER! IF YOU DON'T DO IT NOW, WE'LL NEVER HAVE THIS CHANCE AGAIN!!
AH!
TOTTER TOTTER
H-HIS CH-CH-CHILD-HOOD F-FRIEND ...
HUH? ME? DO WHAT?
NOW, TAKAO-SAN!! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!!
I can't see!!
Ah what the--?!
AHHHH!!!

HUH? WHAT'S THAT ON ME? WOW, IT'S SO SOFT!
BEING TRAPPED IN THIS DARKNESS WITH SUCH A SOFT, FLUFFY PILLOW ON ME IS ACTUALLY KINDA RELAXING ~!
?!!!
SPALT!
FOR SOMEBODY WITH AMAZING UPPER-BODY STRENGTH, YOU DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT ATTACKING ANYBODY!!
I... I'M REALLY SORRY !!
UH, EXCUSE ME?! WHAT ARE YOU GIRLS DOING?!
NO, IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THAT! THEY'VE TURNED INTO A DISADVANTAGE FOR US, AND AN ADVANTAGE FOR HER!! WHO COULD HAVE SEEN THIS REVERSAL OF FORTUNE?!
IMPOSSIBLE! MY BAG ATTACK AND TAKAO-SAN'S BUST-DROP CANCELLED EACH OTHER OUT?!
HEY! COULD YOU NOT DRAG THE GARDEN HOSE THROUGH THE HOUSE, PLEASE ?!
AND WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA DO WITH IT?!
OH GOD, YOU'RE ALL WERIDOS !!
BA-BAAAM
HEY, ROKA! DOES THIS HOLE LOOK BIG ENOUGH TO BURY HER IN?
OH, SORRY. WHILE I WAS LEVELING THE GROUND IN YOUR YARD, I DUG A SMALL GRAVE...
?!
BING BONG

EXCUSE ME, IS THIS THE KAZAMA RESIDENCE? YEAH, IT TOTALLY LOOKS IT.
HERE. I, LIKE, BROUGHT YOU YOUR WINNINGS.
From the phone-tag game.
ANOTHER CUTIE?! DOES OUR HOUSE HAVE SOME KIND OF HOMING BEACON OR SOMETHING?!
OH! HI THERE, MOM WHO LOOKS LIKE ANGELINA JOLIE.
AND AGAIN WITH THE OVER-THE-TOP FLATTERY !!
HUH? LIKE, WHO'S THE CHICK IN THE BAG?
WELL, TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, SHE'S KAZAMA'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
OH YEAH?
STOMP!
JOLT

SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
HUH? WHA?! WHAT IS THIS CREEPING ATMOSPHERE OF DOOM AND DREAD...?
IT'S LIKE SOMEONE'S AURA IS SUFFOCATING ME...!
RMBL
RMBL
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SO, LIKE... WHO ARE YOU TO OUR KENJI-KUN, HMMM?
AS KENJI-KUN'S BIG SISTER, I LIKE, KINDA NEED TO KNOW ALLLLL THE DEETS, 'KAY?
HOLD ON! WHY DO YOU ALL CLAIM TO BE KENJI'S SISTERS ?!
I'M, UH...
MMPH!
MMPH!
I... I...
MMPH!
HECK, EVER SINCE HE STARTED ACTING LIKE A DELINQUENT, WE HARDLY HANG OUT! I HAVEN'T BEEN OVER HERE IN AGES!!
KEN-CHAN-- I MEAN, KENJI-KUN AND I ARE JUST FRIENDS !
MMPH!
I'M ACTUALLY MORE INTERESTED IN SHIO-KUN! HE'S POPULAR WITH ALL THE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS...
MMPH!
MRPH...

JUST JUST
SHING
RIGHT! SORRY 'BOUT THAT!!!
THAT POSE HARDLY LOOKS LIKE AN APOLOGETIC ONE!! IN FACT, IT LOOKS WAY MORE LIKE A VICTORY STANCE!!
!!
You too, Mom.
KA-CHAK
GOD, WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NOISE OUT HERE?
SO ...
WHO'S THE POOR CHUMP WITH THE BAG ON HER HEAD?
RUFL RUFL
THEY'RE ALL YOURS.
HUH?
LIKE, JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M NOT GONNA TAKE MY HAIR DOWN JUST BECAUSE YOU SAID IT LOOKS CUTE. SO THERE!
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?! AND WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?!
LA-RUMPH!

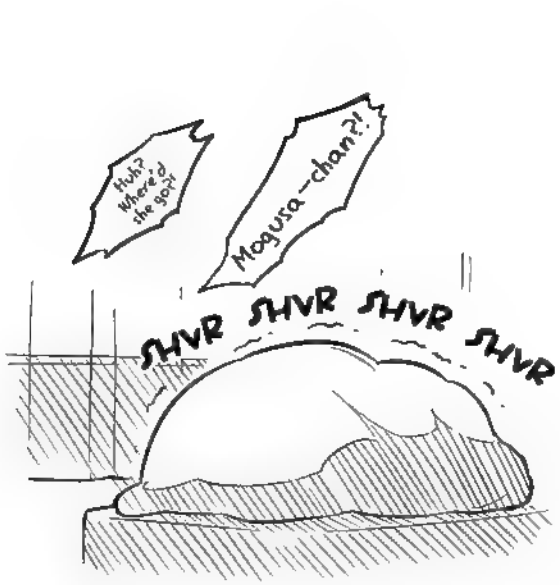
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH ALL OF YOU?!
YOUR CHILD-HOOD FRIEND, MOGUSA-CHAN!
AAAAH!
GYAAAH!
WAAAH!
FSK
FZZZ
DAMN.
SIIGH.

MY POOR SON.
HE'S SURE GOT IT ROUGH.

SLIDE
WHAT THE --?!
THEY MUST HAVE GIVEN UP BY NOW.

RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

OH, HELLO!
ARE YOU KENJI-KUN'S MOTHER, MA'AM?
WHAT THE HELL IS A SPARKLY KID LIKE YOU DOING HIDING IN OUR TOOL SHED?!
MY NAME IS SHIO HACHI! I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING THE SAME CLUB AS KENJI-KUN.
SHIO ?!
YOU MEAN THE BOY MOGUSA-CHAN LIKES WAS HIDING IN OUR TOOL SHED THE WHOLE TIME?!


Huh? Where'd she go?!
Mogusa-chan?!
SHVR SHVR SHVR SHVR

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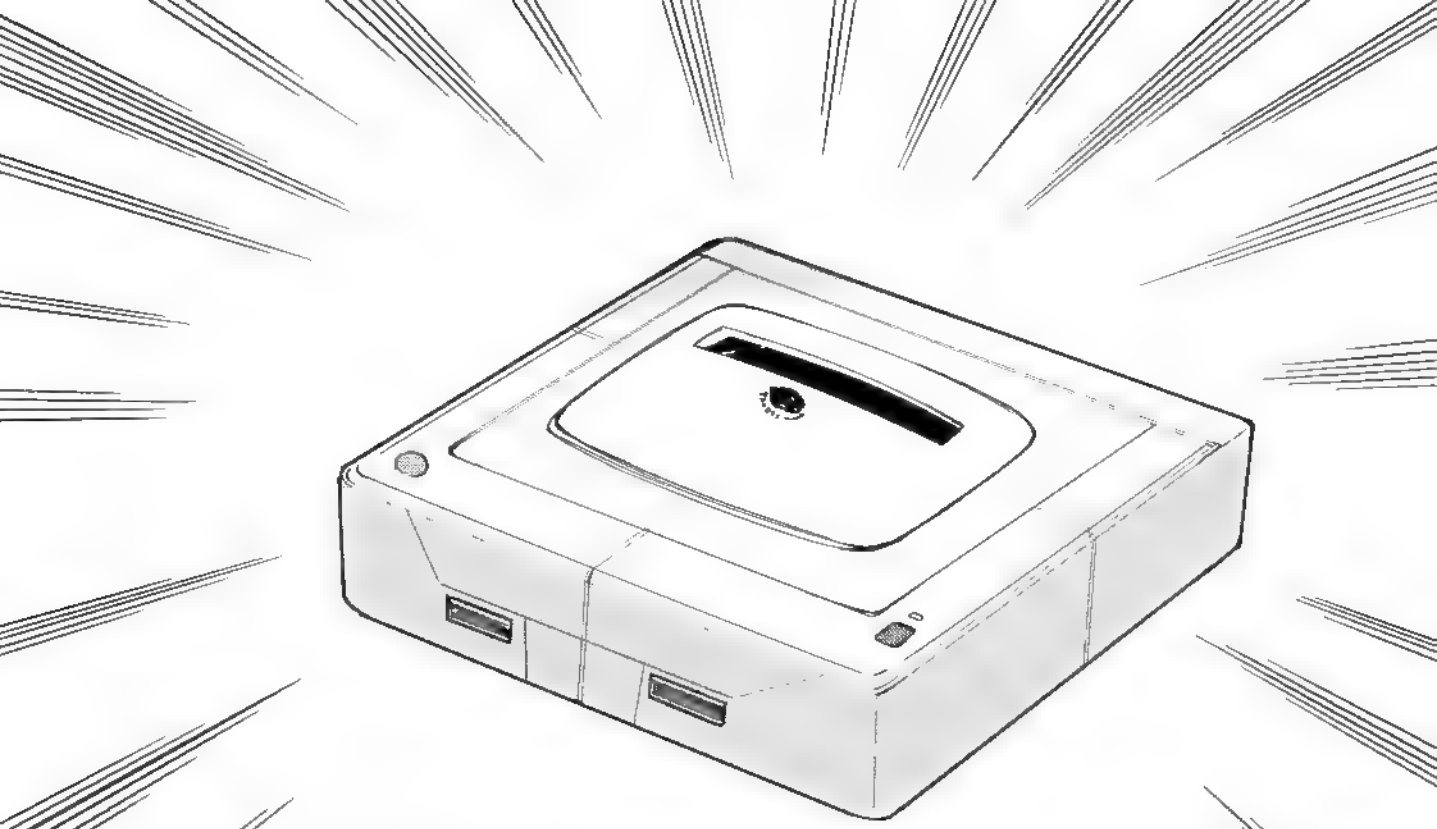
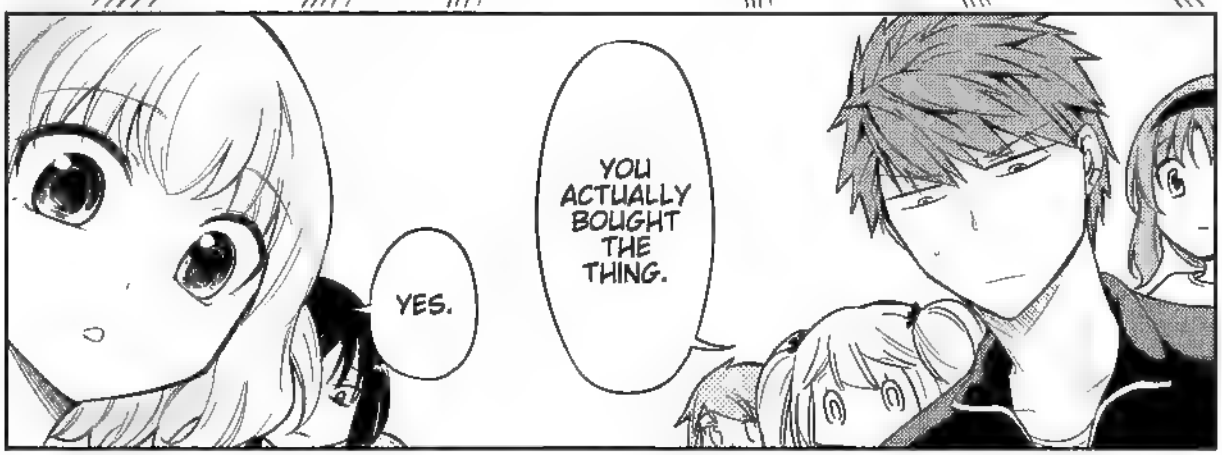
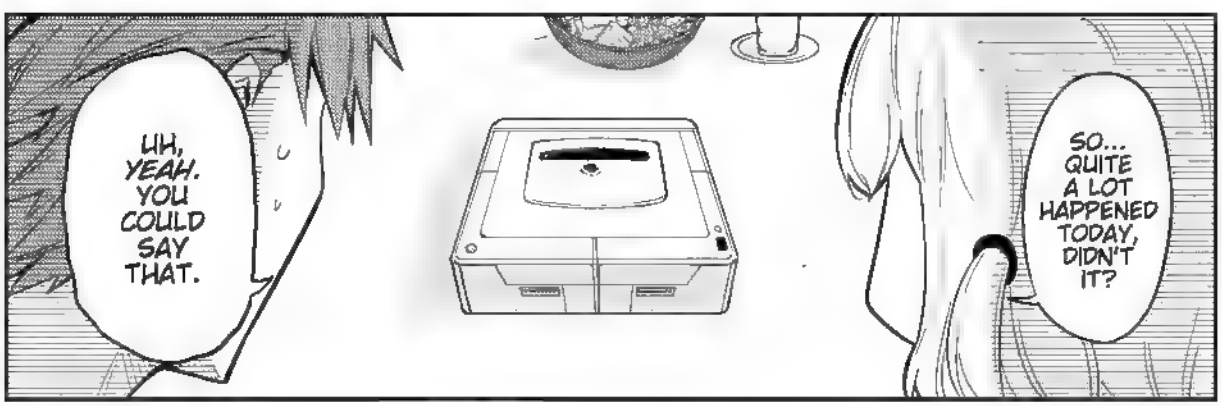


Chapter 40
You Could Say That



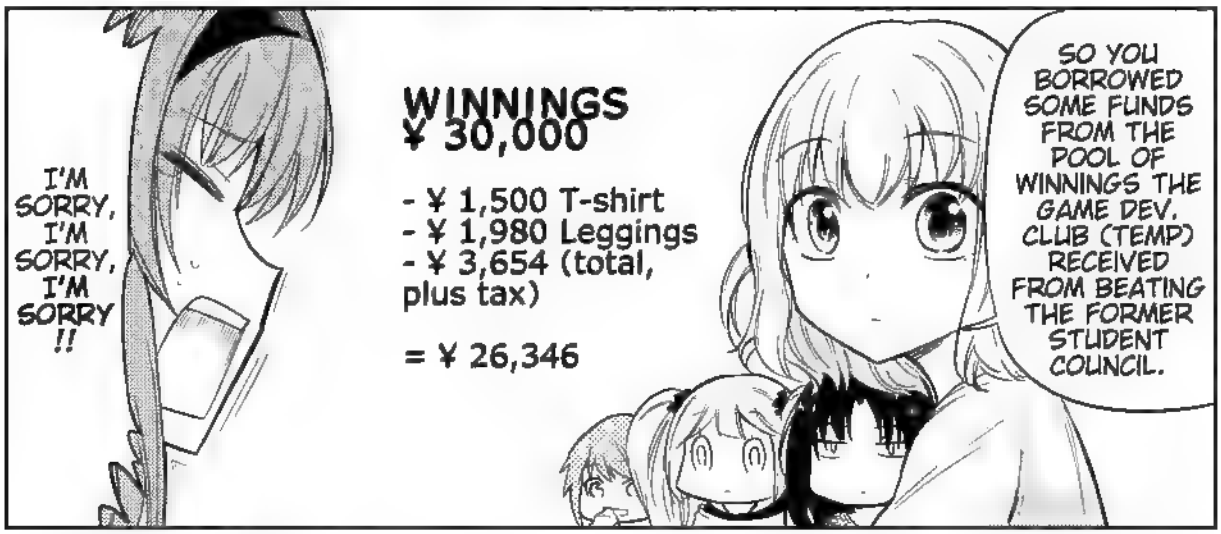


THEY'RE PROBABLY IMAGINING CRAP THAT DIDN'T EVEN HAPPEN, BUT I'M NOT GONNA SAY A THING.
OH, EXCEPT ONE OF YOU IS ACTUALLY REMEMBERING SOMETHING THAT ACTUALLY DID HAPPEN.
Takao-san, your skirt!!
Huh?! WHA ?!
PSHH
BOMP
Eep!
I QUITE ENJOYED IT, MYSELF.

YES, IT'S YOU! YOU CAN STOP PRETENDING YOU DON'T HEAR ME. IT JUST MAKES IT MORE OBVIOUS.
FWE-EEP ?!
TWEE
TWEEE
SWAP!!
SPLAT
SHRIIP
Calm down. The doors will open in a sec—!
Takao-san!!

UH, NO. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YOU.
Kazama-kun, I...

Maybe a size L would fit?
No way!!
SO WE WENT AND SCROUNGED UP AN EMERGENCY CHANGE OF CLOTHES...
BUT THEN, YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR IT.
SNIFF!
I CAN'T WALK AROUND THE CITY LOOKING LIKE THIS!
MY DRESS! IT'S RUINED!
Sniffle...
I'M SO SORRY !!
COME TO THINK OF IT, TAKAO-SAN WAS RUNNING INTO TROUBLE THE WHOLE TIME.


I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY !!
WINNINGS
¥ 30,000
- ¥ 1,500 T-shirt
- ¥ 1,980 Leggings
- ¥ 3,654 (total, plus tax)
= ¥ 26,346
SO YOU BORROWED SOME FUNDS FROM THE POOL OF WINNINGS THE GAME DEV. CLUB (TEMP) RECEIVED FROM BEATING THE FORMER STUDENT COUNCIL.

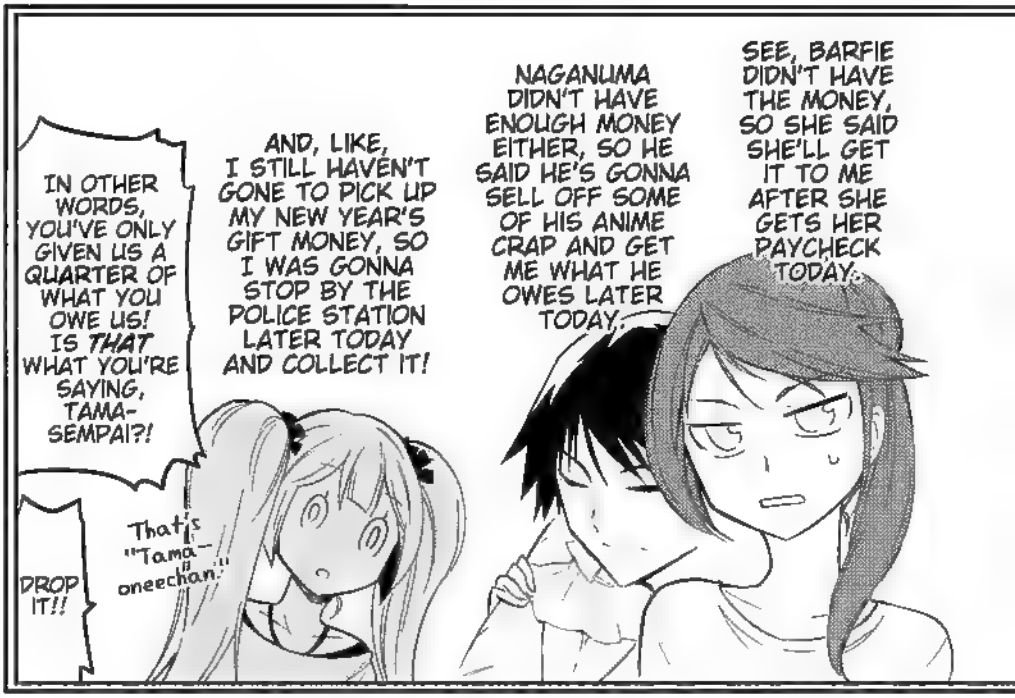
Y'KNOW ...
NO, THAT'S OKAY. YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT WHICH ALLOWED THE GAME DEV. CLUB (TEMP) TO CONTINUE TO EXIST. PLEASE CONSIDER IT A GIFT.
I PROMISE I'LL PAY YOU ALL BACK.

UMM... WHAT?
.....
TAMA-ONEE-CHAN.
.....
TAMA-SEM-PAI!
YOU CAN TRACE ALL OF THIS RIGHT BACK TO TAMA-SEMPAI. DON'TCHA THINK THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT?

BUT I ONLY COUNT 10,000 YEN HERE.
OH. THAT'S KINDA, LIKE, A LONG STORY.

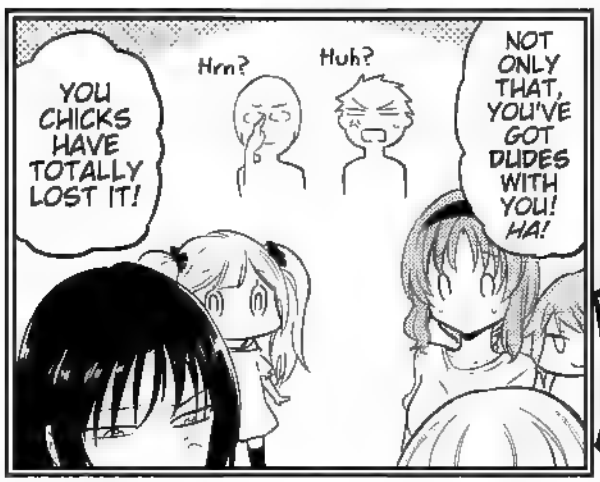
TAMA-SEM-PAI.
CALL ME TAMA-ONEE-CHAN!
HEY, TAMA-SEMPAI? OUR REWARD FOR WINNING WAS SUPPOSED TO BE 30,000 YEN, RIGHT?
REALLY, WHAT?

ANYWAY, LET'S, LIKE, ALL GO PICK IT UP TO-GETHER!
NO WAY! WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO GO ANY-WHERE ?!


IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'VE ONLY GIVEN US A QUARTER OF WHAT YOU OWE US! IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, TAMA-SEMPAI?!
DROP IT!!
That's "Tama—oneechan."
AND, LIKE, I STILL HAVEN'T GONE TO PICK UP MY NEW YEAR'S GIFT MONEY, SO I WAS GONNA STOP BY THE POLICE STATION LATER TODAY AND COLLECT IT!
NAGANUMA DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY EITHER, SO HE SAID HE'S GONNA SELL OFF SOME OF HIS ANIME CRAP AND GET ME WHAT HE OWES LATER TODAY.
SEE, BARFIE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY, SO SHE SAID SHE'LL GET IT TO ME AFTER SHE GETS HER PAYCHECK TODAY.

(Actual) WINNINGS ¥ 10,000
- ¥ 1,500 T-shirt
- ¥ 1,980 Leggings
- ¥ 3,654 (total, plus tax)
= ¥ 6,346
THOUGH, SOMEBODY PUT A DENT IN THAT RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO.
SNIFF ...
THEN WE DECIDED IT WOULD BE FUN IF WE ALL WENT INTO THE CITY AND SPENT THE MONEY ON FUN THINGS.
BE-CAUSE I WAS FORCI-BLY DRAG-GED ALONG, YEAH!
DRAG DRAAG
Like, off we go!
BUT YOU DID GO, IN THE END.
Gyaaah! How are you this strong?!
THEN, ASIDE FROM TAKAO'S ACCIDENT, WE HAD A PERFECTLY BORING AND NORMAL TRIP INTO THE CITY!
YEAH, NORMAL FOR YOU WEIRDOS!
WOO-HOOOO!!!
Yeeeah!!
It's the city!!
Yuck! The air tastes gross!
YOU GUYS ARE GETTING WAY TOO EXCITED OVER THIS!
The Concrete Jungle!
(Updated) WINNINGS ¥ 16,346
- ¥ 5,880 (round-trip train fare for everyone)
= ¥ 10,446
BUT THEN, AFTER WE RECEIVED TAMA-SEMPAI'S PORTION OF THE WINNINGS, WE ALL DECIDED IT WOULD BE MORE FUN TO SPEND IT BACK AT HOME.
OKAY.
LET'S GO.
WE'RE JUST GOING TO GO BACK HOME?!
I KNOW A GREAT SHOP BACK AT HOME!
WHAT WAS THE POINT OF COMING OUT HERE?!
Yeeeah!!
There's no place like home!
Home-ward bound!!
It's like our own back-yard!
WOO-HOOOO!!!
A mini-concrete jungle-life!
AND NOW YOU'RE GETTING THAT EXCITED JUST TO GO HOME?!

BUT WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT ...
THAT WE WOULD RUN INTO THEM WHEN WE GOT BACK!
Hn?
Ah.
NO ACCIDENTS IN THE CITY, BUT AS SOON AS WE GET HOME, THEY START HAPPENING AGAIN! AND WHO *ARE* THESE GIRLS?!

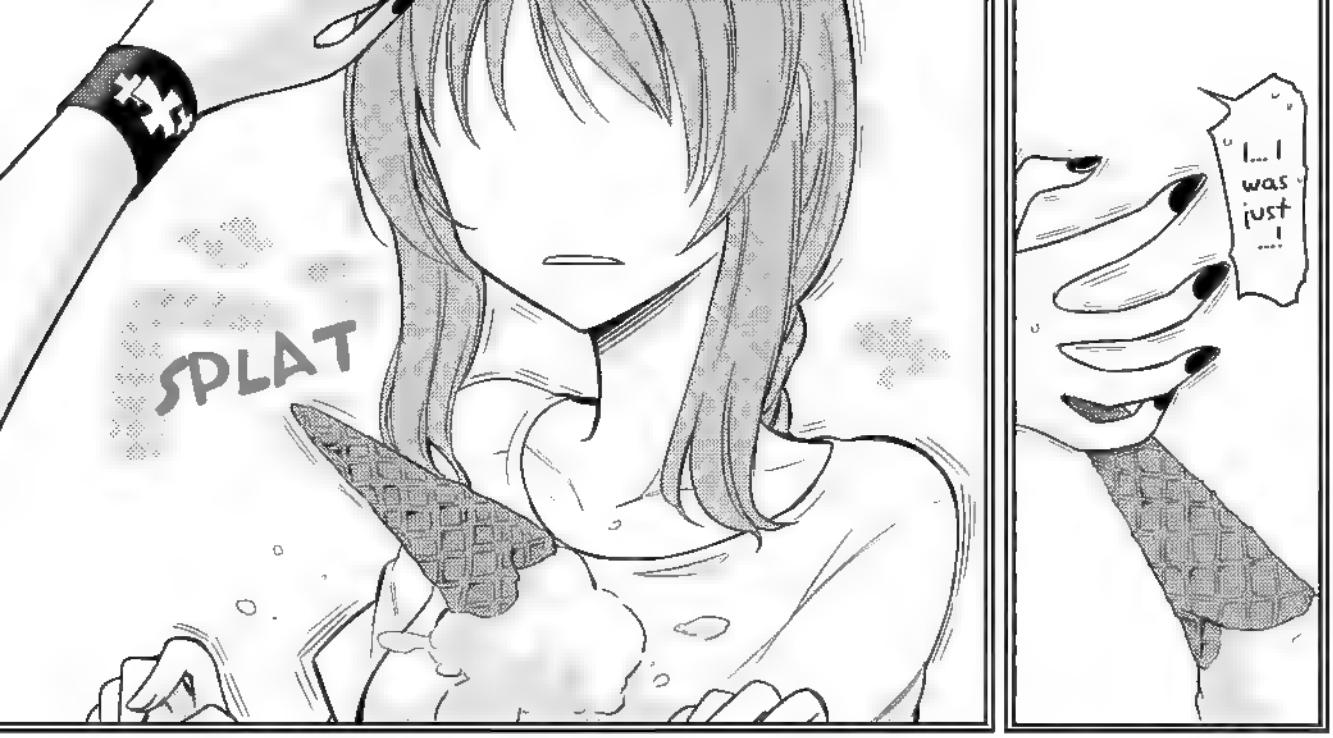

NOT ONLY THAT, YOU'VE GOT DUDES WITH YOU! HA!
Huh?
Hrn?
YOU CHICKS HAVE TOTALLY LOST IT!

WHOA. WHO WOULDA FIGURED WE'D RUN ACROSS YOU DRIPS *HERE*.
YEAH. LIKE, ON THE WEEKEND IN OUR HOME TOWN?
IN OTHER WORDS, NOT A SUR-PRISE AT ALL!

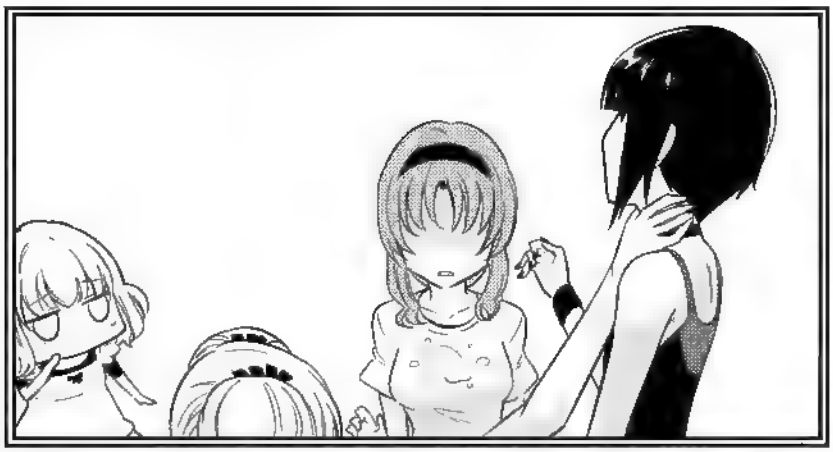
UH, EXCUSE ME. ARE YOU, LIKE, TRYING TO SAY SOMETHIN' ABOUT MY UNDER-CLASS-MEN?
WEST...
G U R K?!
Wait, are you the leg end-ary---
SAKAI-SEMPAI, CALM DOWN!
UH, GUYS?! COULD YOU ALL JUST HIT *PAUSE* FOR A SECOND?!

OOH, CAN I HAVE A BITE OF YOUR ICE CREAM ?
DID YOU HEAR A WORD SHE JUST SAID?! OR ARE YOU ACTUALLY FRIENDS ?!

ONCE UPON A TIME, I *KINDA* WANTED TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU, BUT NOT ANYMORE. NOW YOU SUCK!!
YEAH, WELL, THE ONLY THING I KNOW ABOUT YOU IS THAT YOU'RE *KIND* OF A JERK!


SPLAT
I... I was just...!

UH...
THAT WASN'T ME...

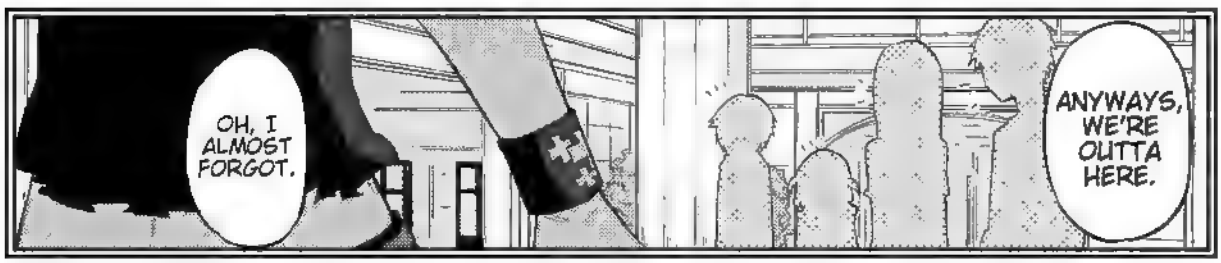


REALLY? IT WAS MY FAULT?
NOPE !!!
(Everyone)

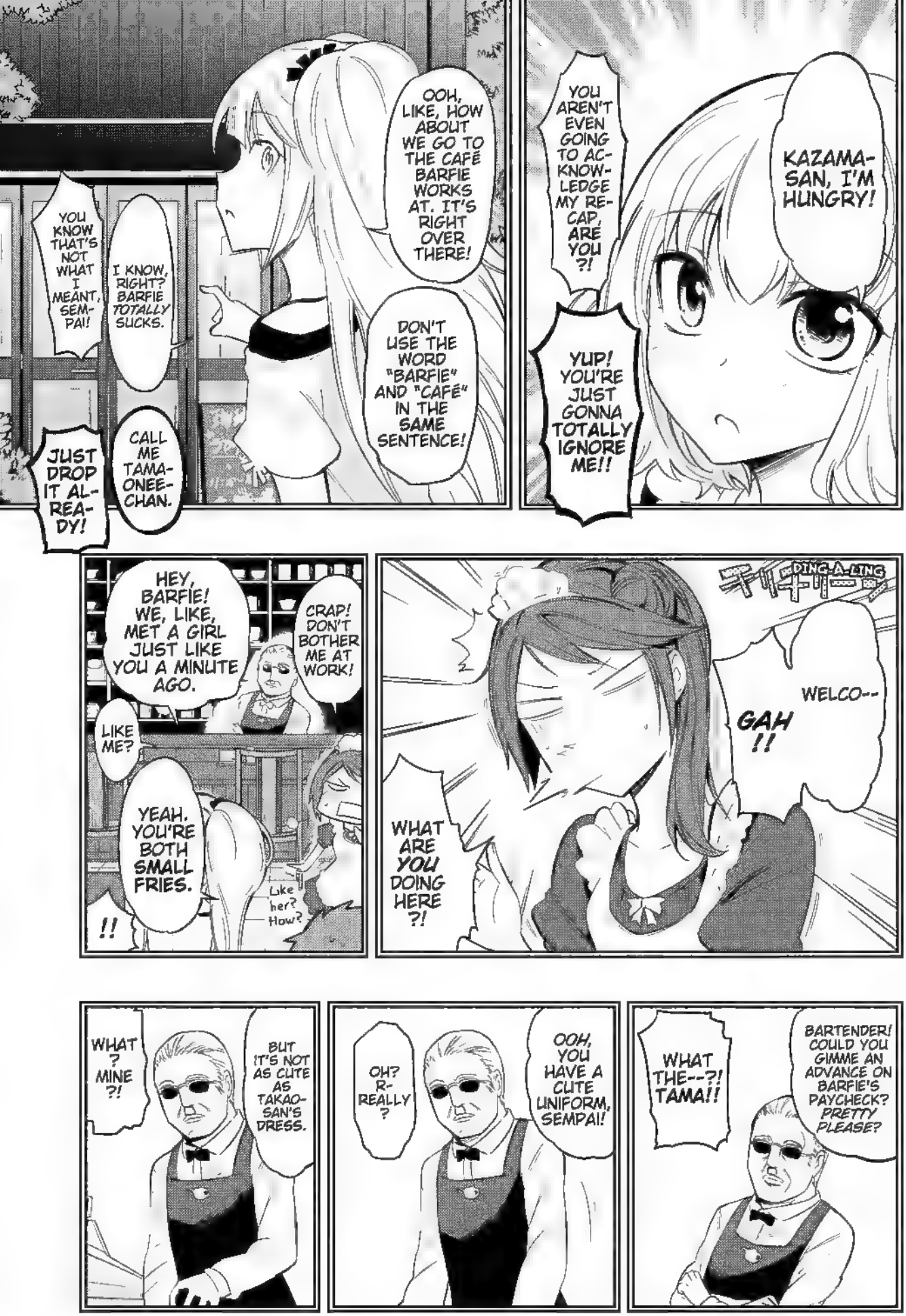
IT AIN'T MY FAULT! IT'S HERS FOR SHOVING THAT HUGE RACK ALL UP IN OUR BUSI-NESS!!
WAUGHH
IF SHE WAS FLAT LIKE ME, THAT CONE WOULD'VE FALLEN STRAIGHT TO THE GROUND!!
WOW. THAT'S REALLY REACH-ING.

WE GO HALFSIES, GOT IT? AND 'CUZ I'M SORRY, I PICKED SOMETHIN' NICE.
CAN I REALLY HAVE THIS?
OOH!
BESIDES, AT HER SIZE, THERE WERE PLENTY ON THE CLEARANCE RACK.

¥ 10,446
- ¥ 4,780 (clothes, half price)
= ¥ 5,686
GAWD. I TOTALLY DIDN'T NEED TO SPEND THAT MONEY TODAY.
NEI-THER DID WE!

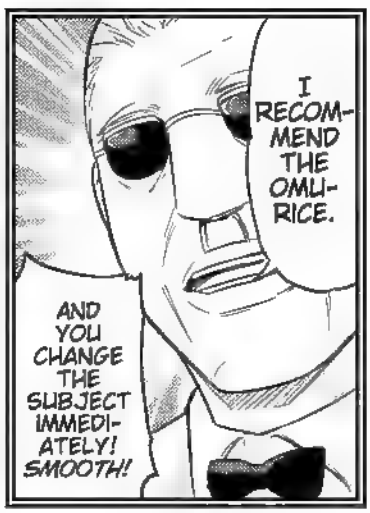

OH, I ALMOST FORGOT.
ANYWAYS, WE'RE OUTTA HERE.

LISTEN UP, YOU DWEEBS! NEXT TIME YOU CROSS US YOU'RE DEAD!!
UH, YOU'RE WAY TOO LATE FOR THAT LINE TO SOUND ANYTHING OTHER THAN PA-THETIC!
AND IN THE END, WE NEVER FOUND OUT WHO THOSE THREE WERE! HELL, I BARELY REMEMBER WHAT THE THIRD ONE EVEN LOOKED LIKE!


KAZAMA-SAN, I'M HUNGRY!
YOU AREN'T EVEN GOING TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY RECAP, ARE YOU?!
YUP! YOU'RE JUST GONNA TOTALLY IGNORE ME!!
OOH, LIKE, HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THE CAFÉ BARFIE WORKS AT. IT'S RIGHT OVER THERE!
DON'T USE THE WORD "BARFIE" AND "CAFÉ" IN THE SAME SENTENCE!
I KNOW, RIGHT? BARFIE TOTALLY SUCKS.
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT, SEMPAI!
CALL ME TAMA-ONEE-CHAN.
JUST DROP IT ALREADY!
DING-A-LING
WELCO--
GAH!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
HEY, BARFIE! WE, LIKE, MET A GIRL JUST LIKE YOU A MINUTE AGO.
CRAP! DON'T BOTHER ME AT WORK!
LIKE ME?
YEAH. YOU'RE BOTH SMALL FRIES.
!!
Like her? How?
OOH, YOU HAVE A CUTE UNIFORM, SEMPAI!
OH? R-REALLY?
WHAT THE--?! TAMA!!
BARTENDER! COULD YOU GIMME AN ADVANCE ON BARFIE'S PAYCHECK? PRETTY PLEASE?
WHAT? MINE?!
BUT IT'S NOT AS CUTE AS TAKAO-SAN'S DRESS.

¥ 5,686
+ ¥ 5,000
= ¥ 10,686
YOU CALL HER "BARFIE" TOO?!
WHA?! YOU'RE ACTUALLY HANDING IT OVER TO HER?!
SHINSEN-KUN, YOU WORK YOUR LAST TWO HOURS TODAY FOR FREE.
BARF-- AHEM!

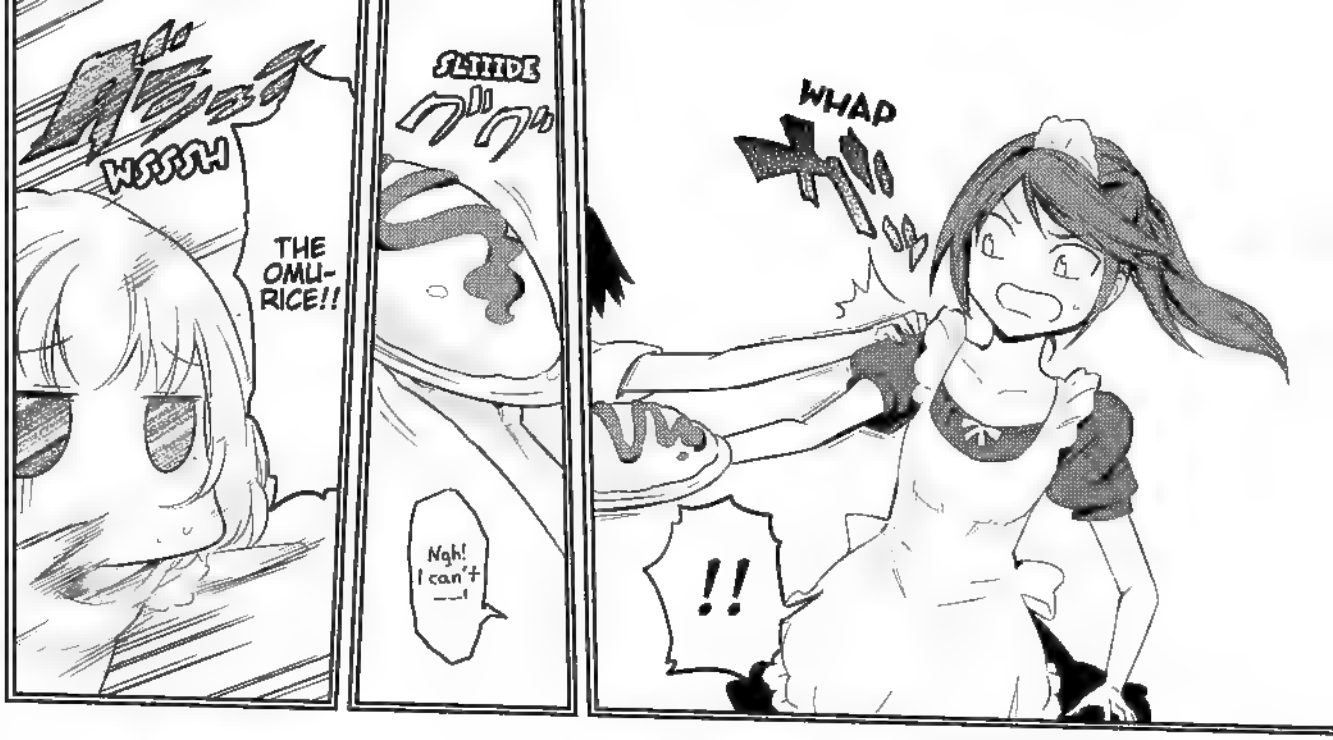
¥ 10,686
+ ¥ 5,000
= ¥ 15,686
NAGA-NUMA-SEMPAI! YOU'RE HERE, TOO?!
ME, I PREFER THE SPA-GHETTI.
I AGREE.
SPA-GHETTI DOES SOUND GOOD!


I RECOM-MEND THE OMU-RICE.
AND YOU CHANGE THE SUBJECT IMMEDI-ATELY! SMOOTH!

CAN'T DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT?
WELL ...
I'M TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH DISH IS LEAST LIKELY TO STAIN MY DRESS.

UMM ...
CHATTER
SO YOU WERE JUST GONNA LOOK AT IT? REALLY?
HERE'S YOUR SODA
A HAM-BURGER, PLEASE.
SPA-GHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE.
CHATTER
CHATTER
THEN SAY SO NEXT TIME!
I WISH I COULD'VE VISITED THE CITY'S FAMOUS WATER FOUN-TAINS...
MOST OF IT IS UNDRINK-ABLE, THOUGH.
LIKE, OMU-RICE FOR ME!

HERE'S YOUR OMU-RICE.
BE CARE-FUL!
UH-OH!
OF LIKE, FLYING BARF BITS.
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
WATCH IT...!
I MEAN, YOU ALL BOUGHT ME THIS REALLY CUTE OUTFIT! I'D HATE TO SEE IT GET RUINED TOO.
I DOUBT IT'LL HAPPEN A THIRD TIME, BUT LET'S BE CAREFUL ANYWAY.
Yeah ...
Menu
CRAP! MY BAG'S STUCK!
TUG
BUT ...
HM?
WELL, I DID WHAT I CAME TO DO.
LIFT
HEY, BARFIE! GO INTO THE BATHROOM AND, LIKE, BARF BEFORE YOU SERVE US.
WHA?! WHY?!
I FORGOT TO CLEAN THAT UP!
WE'RE SO SORRY!
That mommy
THAT SPOT!
NO, IT'S OKAY.
SO YOU'RE REALLY THE ONE TO BLAME HERE!!!
!!
SLIP
NO WAY!
HE WAS THE ONE WE NEEDED TO WATCH OUT FOR?!
YOU'RE KID-DING!
BWAH?!
STAGGER


WHAP
SLIDE
WJJJH
THE OMU-RICE!!
Ngh! I can't ——!
!!

WHAP
I GAVE THAT PERSON A FAR LARGER HELPING THAN I USUALLY WOULD... BUT I NEVER REALIZED IT WOULD LEAD TO THIS!
THE PLATE MUST BE TOO HEAVY!
LRGH!
COME TO THINK OF IT, BECAUSE I WAS A LITTLE OFFENDED THAT OUT OF THE WHOLE GROUP ONLY ONE PERSON ORDERED THE OMU-RICE THAT I RECOMMENDED...
The Bartender/Chef
YES. IT CERTAINLY IS A VERY LARGE PORTION...
WHAT?! THAT'S SO PETTY!

EW! DON'T DO THAT WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO EAT!!
WHIRL
BLEEARGH!
AND SHE STILL ENDED UP BARFING ON SOME-ONE!!
WHUUK
ULG
!!

SPLAT
WAH!?
SWAT
.....
Gyaah!!
KRASH
.....
UUH...
UWAAAAAAH...!
MY CLOTHES...!
EW! NOW MY SHIRT SMELLS LIKE VOMIT!
WHOOPS! SORRY!!
N-NO! THIS WAS ALL NAGANUMA!
THAT'S ALL BARFIE'S FAULT!
YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE TOO-LONG HAIR!
ME?!
LOOKING BACK AT IT NOW, IT WAS ALL THE BARTENDER'S FAULT!!

¥ 15,686

- ¥ 12,420
(food tab [drinks were free] + 2 T-shirts)

= ¥ 3,266

UM, YEAH.

YES.

TRUE.

IN APOLOGY FOR ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED, WE ALLOWED TAKAO-SAN TO USE THE REST OF OUR FUNDS ON WHATEVER SHE WANTED.

NOT THAT THERE WAS ALL THAT MUCH LEFT.

I WANTED ONE SO BADLY WHEN I WAS LITTLE, BUT I COULD NEVER AFFORD IT!

HUNH.

AND NOW THEY'RE SUPER RARE!!

SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO GEEK OUT. I WAS JUST SO EXCITED ...!

IT'S COOL.

HUH? WHAT'S THAT?

OH MY GOSH, IT'S A GAME PHOBOS!

IT'S AN OLD GAME CONSOLE THAT WAS ONLY AROUND FOR A REALLY SHORT TIME!

2800¥

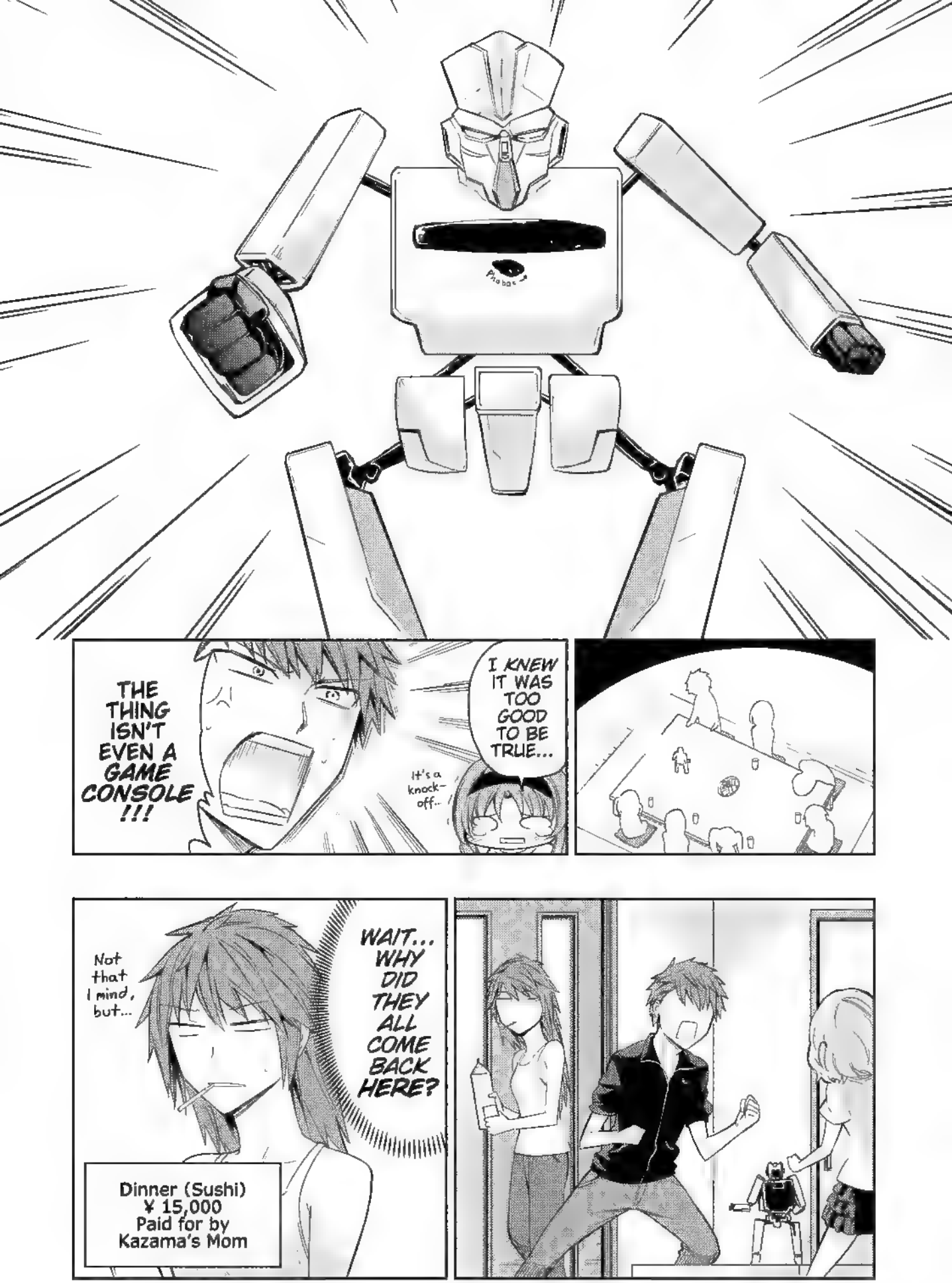
USED

CLEARANCE

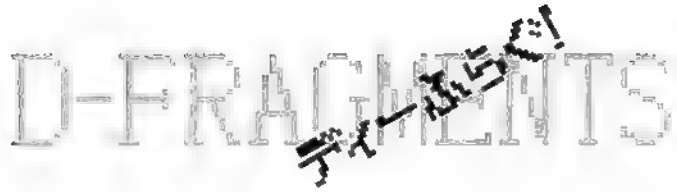
YOU'D REALLY PICK GAMES OVER CLOTHES, HUH?

JEEZ...

I WAS REALLY HAPPY THAT I GOT TO WEAR A CUTE DRESS ...
AND IT LOOKED REALLY NICE ON YOU! I'M SORRY!
I... I DO LIKE CLOTHES ...
SORRY. FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID.
HECK, THIS CONSOLE DOESN'T EVEN COME WITH CONTROLLERS...
KLIK
HUH?
¥ 3,266
- ¥ 2,940 (Game Phobos console, plus tax)
- ¥ 320 (ice cream for Noe)
= ¥ 6 REMAINDER
YEAH, WE DID, BUT IT WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY WASTED ON USELESS CRAP.
WELL, AT LEAST WE MANAGED TO SPEND JUST ABOUT EVERY LAST YEN.
He said I looked nice...!
GLeeeAM
POP
SHUNK


THE THING ISN'T EVEN A GAME CONSOLE !!!
I KNEW IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...
It's a knock-off...
Not that I mind, but...
WAIT... WHY DID THEY ALL COME BACK HERE?
Dinner (Sushi)
¥ 15,000
Paid for by
Kazama's Mom

Mm!
Expensive
ice cream is
yummy!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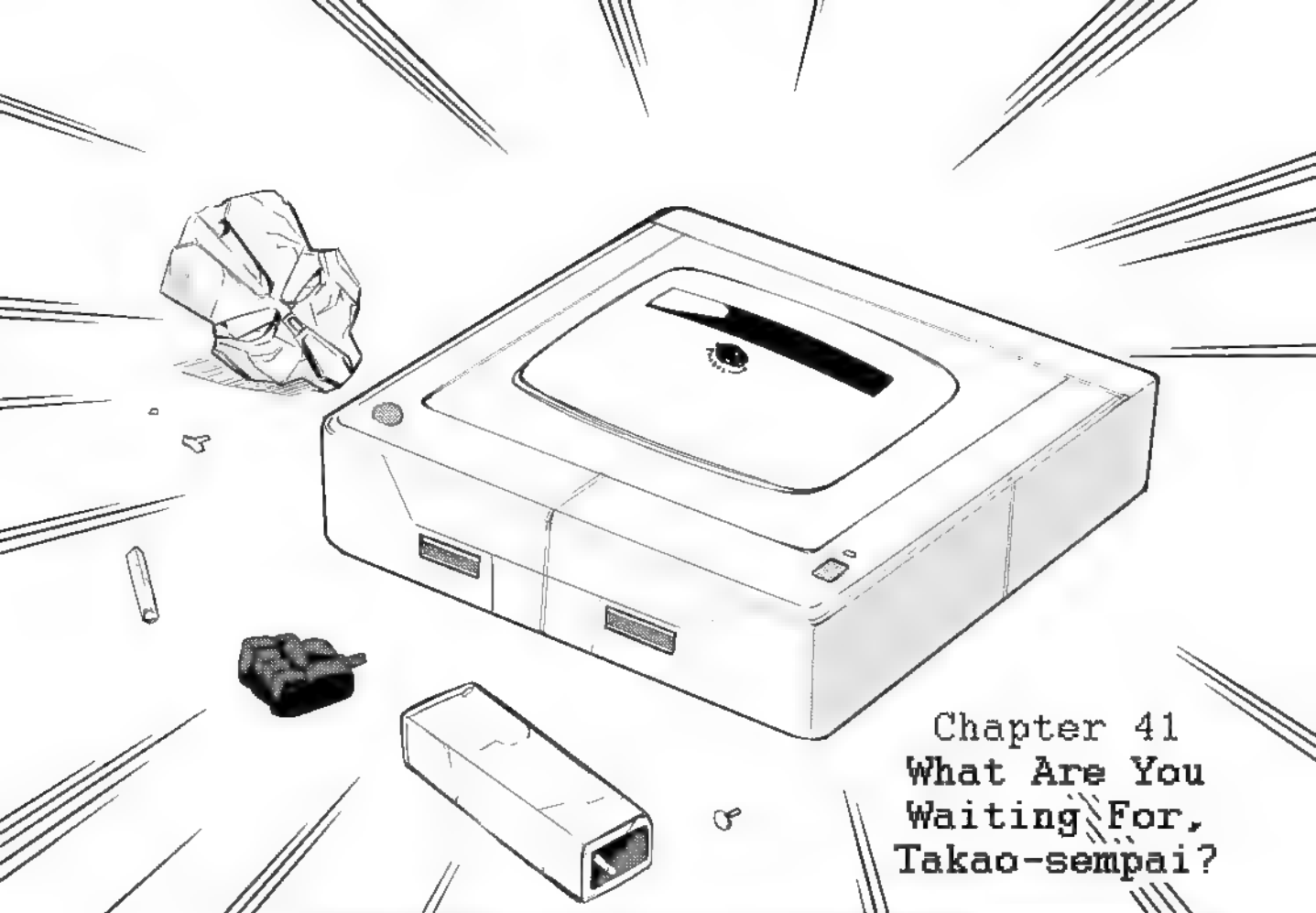
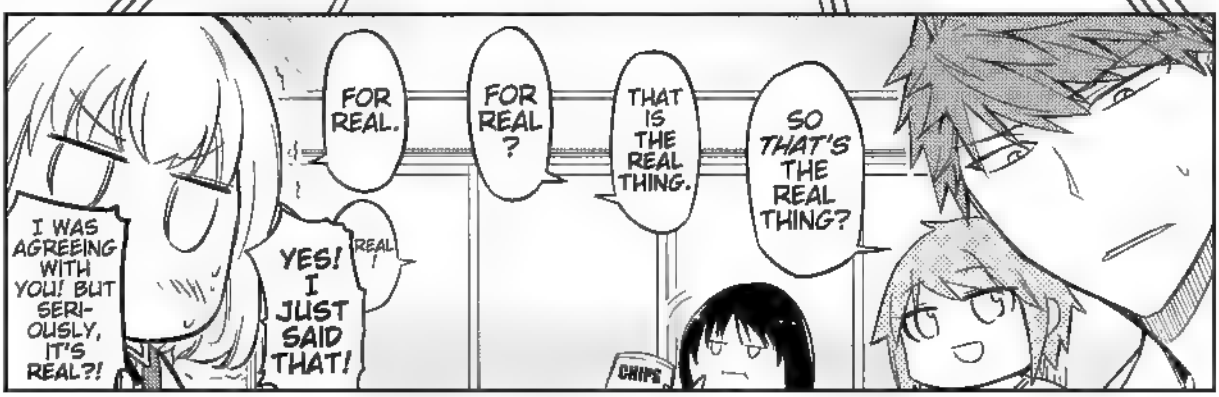


Chapter 41
What Are You Waiting For, Takao-sempai?



YEE-SH!
THAT SMILE IS DEFI-NITELY REAL!
SPARKLE
YEAH, BUT THAT WAS THE SAME SMILE SHE HAD WHEN SHE BOUGHT THE KNOCK-OFF IN THE LAST CHAPTER.

I AM MORE THAN HAPPY TO DONATE ONE OR TWO OF THEM TO THE CLUB.
!!!
AH HA HA! I OWN EVERY GAME CONSOLE EVER MADE, BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN VERSIONS!

I COMPLETELY FORGOT THAT WAS PART OF HIS BACK-STORY!
OH, RIGHT! THIS GUY IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE HEIR TO SOME SUPER-RICH FAMILY!!
ANYWAY, THANKS FOR BRINGING THE CONSOLE WITH YOU TODAY, AND I'M REALLY SORRY WE LEFT YOU AT MY HOUSE LAST CHAPTER!!
ACTUALLY, AT THE TIME, I HAD NO IDEA THAT YOU WERE STILL THERE AT ALL.

WHA?
HOW 'BOUT YOU COME OUT HERE AND SIT FOR A CHANGE?
HUH?
Here.
SERI-OUSLY?! YOU'RE THE ONE THAT TRAPPED HIM IN THERE!!
HUH?
YES, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THAT NARROW, CRAMPED CORNER?
ANYWAY, FOR ONCE, YOU MANAGED TO DO SOME-THING KINDA COOL, SO THANKS. WHY DON'T YOU COME OUT AND JOIN US?
Oof
5 minutes ago

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THE RICH KID! DON'T YOU HAVE HUGE ROOMS AT YOUR MANSION OR WHATEVER?! OR DO YOU STAY IN CLOSETS THERE, TOO?!
YOU DON'T LIKE OPEN SPACES?!
ME...? SITTING HERE, IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS BIG, BIG ROOM...? IT...IT'S TOO OPEN. IT SCARES ME...

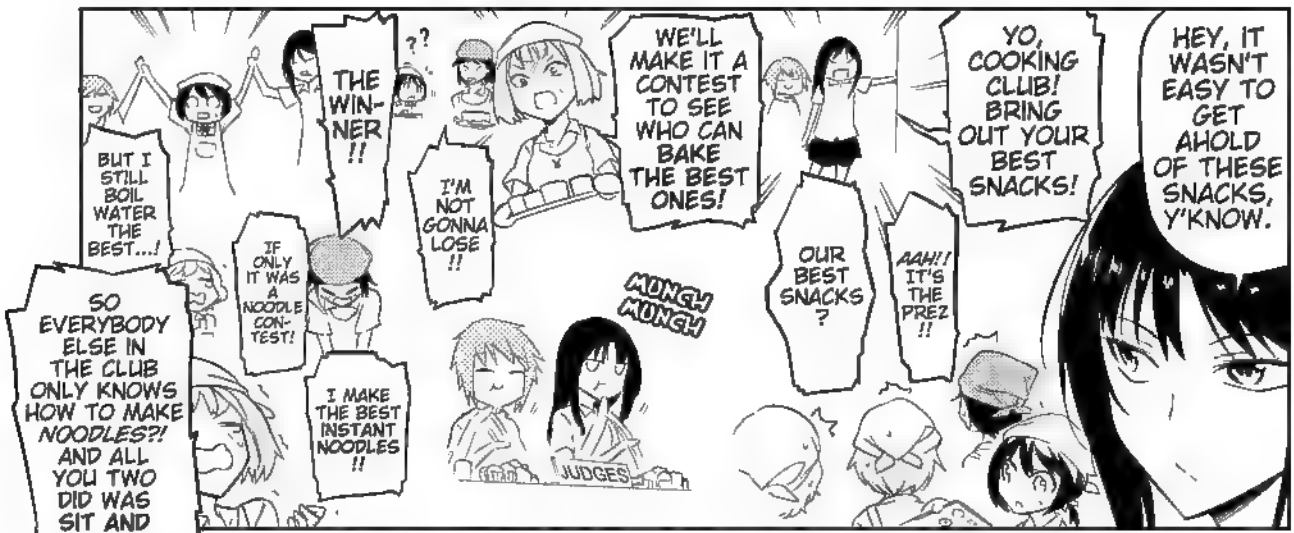
YAAAAY!!!
AND OF COURSE, SHE'S HERE WITH US INSTEAD OF WITH THE (REAL) GAME DEV CLUB. DOES SHE LOVE THIS CONSOLE THAT MUCH?
ANYWAY, IT'S TIME FOR WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR! LET THE GAME DEV CLUB (TEMP)'S GAME TOURNAMENT BEGIN!
WAIT A MOMENT, TAKAO-SAN.
NEKKID CALIBUR
Don't fight naked! It's dangerous!
C'MON, EVERYONE! LET'S HURRY UP AND PLAY THIS ONE! IT'S A FIGHTING GAME THAT ALL OF US CAN PLAY AT ONCE!
Woo-hoo!

IN ORDER TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OUR GAME-PLAYING EXPERIENCE, DRINKS AND SNACKS ARE REQUIRED!
AGREED ?!
BUT FOR SOME ENTIRELY INEXPLICABLE REASON...
WE ARE SUDDENLY OUT OF BOTH!
COULD IT BE BECAUSE, I DUNNO, YOU TWO WERE STUFFING YOUR FACES WITH THEM A MINUTE AGO?!
LEAVE THE SNACKS TO US. WE'LL MAKE SURE TO GET THE GOOD ONES.
KRJK
KRAK
YOU'RE JUST GOING DOWN TO THE VENDING MACHINE FOR SOME SNACKS, RIGHT...?
RIGHT. I GUESS I'LL GO GET THE DRINKS, THEN.
LET ME COME AND HELP CARRY THEM!
WHAT KIND ?!
I'LL HAVE SOME JUICE.
WATER FOR ME, PLEASE, SEMPAI.
JUICE
100%
GA-KLUNK
HUH?
UM, KAZAMA? YOU'VE REALLY, UM, MELLOWED OUT, RECENTLY.
.....

BEFORE IT SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE ALWAYS FIGHTING AND ARGUING AND STUFF...
BUT NOW, ASIDE FROM YOUR COMEBACKS, YOU SEEM A LOT MORE LAID BACK.
I'M NOT SAYING IT'S A BAD THING!
I LIKE IT! ♪
UUU-UUU-UGH...
DO I REALLY SEEM THAT DIFFER-ENT?
UM, SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOUR FEEL-INGS...
NO WORRIES. IT JUST HIT A LITTLE CLOSE TO HOME...
HUH?
I MEAN, JUST ABOUT ALL THE MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE AT THIS FREAKY SCHOOL ARE GIRLS!
WHAT THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT THAT?!
OH, SO THAT'S WHAT COOLED YOUR AMBITION TO RULE THE SCHOOL?
I GET IT NOW! TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T A GIRL, TOO, HUH?
THEN YOU COULD FIGHT AT YOUR FULL STRENGTH, FAIR AND SQUARE!
WHAT THE HECK DID YOU JUST SAY?
!!
WAIT, NO!! NO GIRL-KAZA-MA!
THAT WOULD BE BAD!!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?!

NAH.
IT WASN'T REALLY ME WHO BEAT HER, AFTER ALL.
"What? He beat the Tama-sama?!"
"He has to be a monster!"
HUH?
THEN, UM, I GUESS THAT MAKES YOU THE MOST POWERFUL DELINQUENT IN THE SCHOOL!
AFTER IT GOT OUT THAT I BEAT TAMA-SEMPAI, THEY ALL STOPPED COMING AFTER ME!
AND THE GUYS AROUND HERE ARE ALL WIMPS!
HM?
WAIT, DID I JUST DO THAT?
!!
NOW YOU'RE CALLING HER "CAPTAIN"?
GOD, WHAT THE HELL IS THE CAPTAIN, ANY-WAYS?
HUP TWO!
HUP TWO!
HUP TWO!
HUP TWO!
HUP TWO!
HUP TWO!
HUP TWO!
Well, yeah...
You are a member of the (Temp) club, so I guess that's normal and all.
WHAT THE HECK?!
No, seriously.
.....
.....
WHAT?

HUP TWO!
HUP TWO!
HUP TWO!
HUP TWO THREE FOUR! ♪
Ah!
P-put me down...!
WHAT THE HECK?! THAT'S FUNA-BORI!!
OH! HEY, SEMPAI!
LOOK! WE'RE BRINGING OUR SNACKS!
You're welcome!
THERE IS SOME SERIOUS DISCONNECT BETWEEN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING!!

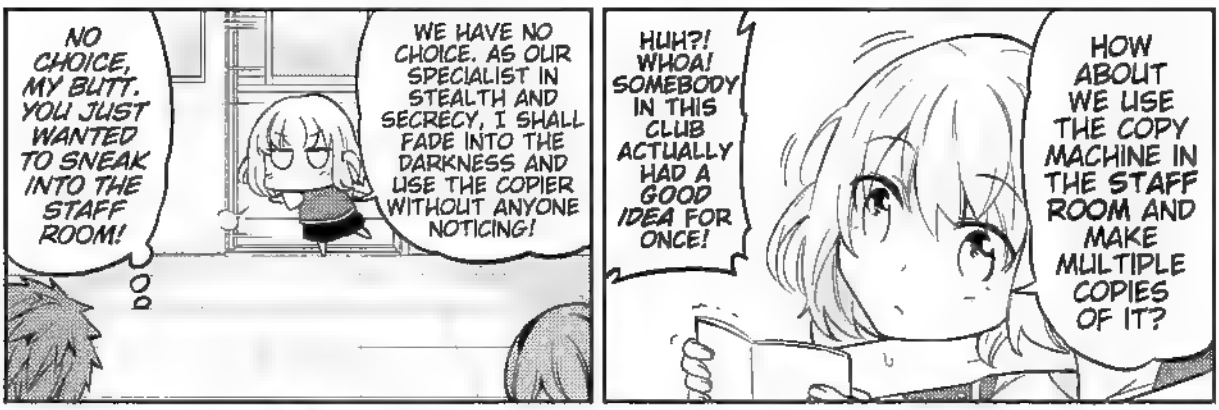

HEY, IT WASN'T EASY TO GET AHOLD OF THESE SNACKS, Y'KNOW.
YO, COOKING CLUB! BRING OUT YOUR BEST SNACKS!
AAH!! IT'S THE PREZ!!
OUR BEST SNACKS?
WE'LL MAKE IT A CONTEST TO SEE WHO CAN BAKE THE BEST ONES!
MUNCH MUNCH
JUDGES
I'M NOT GONNA LOSE!!
THE WINNER!!
IF ONLY IT WAS A NOODLE CONTEST!
I MAKE THE BEST INSTANT NOODLES!!
BUT I STILL BOIL WATER THE BEST...!
SO EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE CLUB ONLY KNOWS HOW TO MAKE NOODLES?! AND ALL YOU TWO DID WAS SIT AND EAT!!

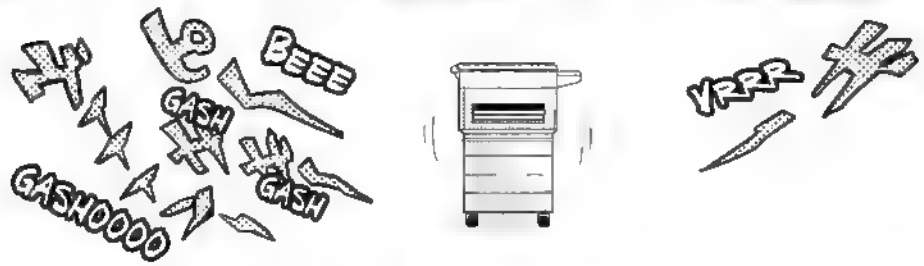
RIGHT... SO TO GET SOME EXERCISE AND BURN OFF ALL THOSE CALORIES, WE DECIDED TO CARRY THE CONTEST WINNER BACK TO OUR CLUB ROOM.
Um...
Please.
JUST PUT THE POOR GIRL DOWN!!
SERIOUSLY, PUT FUNA-BORI DOWN! NOW!
AHHH!
I SAID PUT HER DOWN!!
.....
QUIT IT!

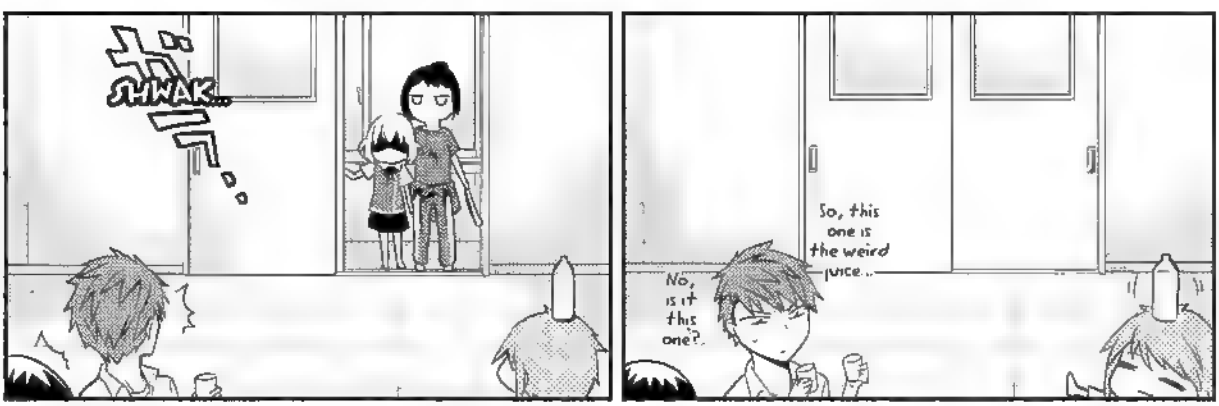
Ahem...
UM, A-ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GOING TO MAKE ME CARRY ALL THE DRINKS?
HUH?
RUSTLE
THE CLUB ROOM'S RIGHT THERE. GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME.
OH MY GOSH...!
HE'S CALLING HER NAME OVER AND OVER AGAIN!
FUNA-BORI! HANG IN THERE!
AH! EEP!
HUH? YOU'RE TICK-LISH?
EE-EP!
ENOUGH! STOP TICKLING FUNABORI'S RIBS!!
HURRY UP SO WE CAN PLAY SOME GAMES!
SURE.
HM? WHY'S EVERYONE JUST STANDING AROUND OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB ROOM?
YOU'RE LEAVING ME FOR HER...?
So do you play video games a lot?
I do, actually.
REAL-LY? THANK YOU!
SINCE YOU'RE HERE ALREADY, HOW 'BOUT YOU COME ON IN TOO, FUNA-BORI?

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, TAKAO-SEMPAI? COME ON IN!
BWUH?!
O-OH, UH, RIGHT! SURE!
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL WIN, TAKAO-SEMPAI?
HUH? WIN WHAT?
THE GAME TOURNA-MENT, OF COURSE! WHAT ELSE WOULD I MEAN? ♪
OH, RIGHT! THE TOURNA-MENT! AHA HA HA ...!
SHE'S GOOD.
THIS IS THE GAME WE'RE PLAYING TODAY!
OKAY! MAY I READ THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL FIRST, PLEASE?
OF COURSE! HERE.
WOW!
SO THIS IS THE GAME DEV. CLUB'S ROOM.
THE (TEMP) ONE, ANY-WAY.
WAIT A MINUTE. I HAVEN'T READ THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL YET, EITHER!
Fwip...

Sniffle..
SORRY, FUNA-BORI! HANG IN THERE!
HEY, WHOA! TAKE TURNS READ-ING IT! TAKE TURNS !!


NO CHOICE, MY BUTT. YOU JUST WANTED TO SNEAK INTO THE STAFF ROOM!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. AS OUR SPECIALIST IN STEALTH AND SECRECY, I SHALL FADE INTO THE DARKNESS AND USE THE COPIER WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING!
HUH?! WHOA! SOMEBODY IN THIS CLUB ACTUALLY HAD A GOOD IDEA FOR ONCE!
HOW ABOUT WE USE THE COPY MACHINE IN THE STAFF ROOM AND MAKE MULTIPLE COPIES OF IT?

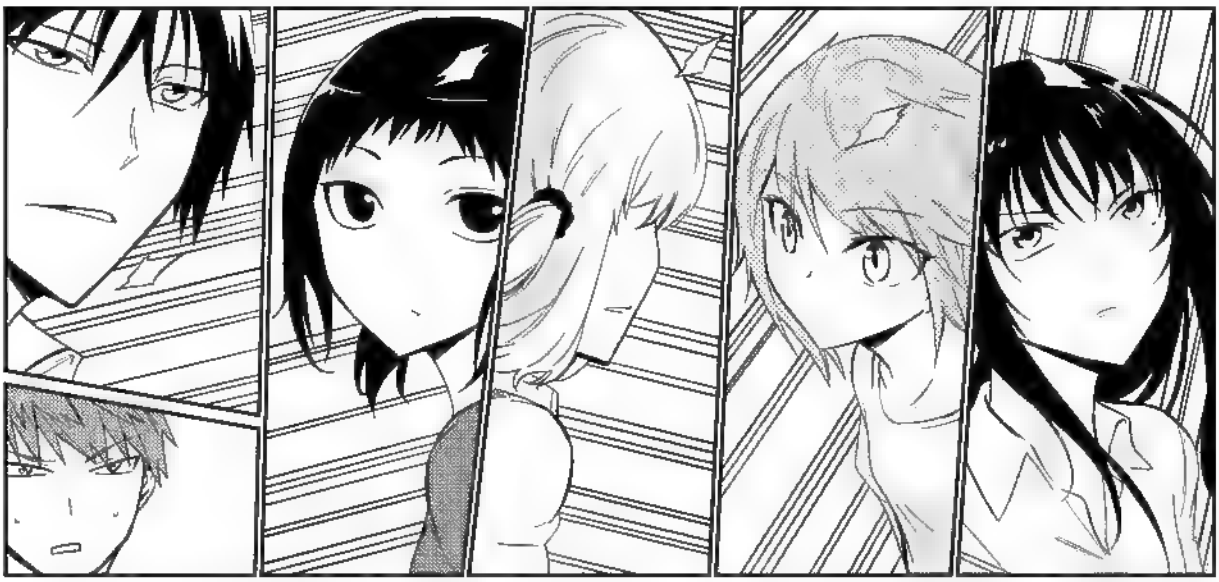

BEEE
GASH
GASH
GASHOOOO
YRRR


SHWAK...
So, this one is the weird juice..
No, is it this one?

FOR A "STEALTH SPECIALIST" YOU SURE GOT CAUGHT EASILY!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST ASK ME IN THE FIRST PLACE? I FEEL SO LEFT OUT I COULD CRY.
WHAT?! YOU'RE ACTUALLY CAPABLE OF HUMAN EMOTION?!
THWAK...
THAT'S RIGHT!! WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME?!
UH, WHY WOULD WE?! YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH OUR CLUB!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I DON'T?! LOOK! MY CLUB CAPTAIN IS RIGHT THERE, HANGING OUT WITH YOU! WAIT, WHY ARE YOU HANGING OUT WITH THEM, CAPTAIN?!
I'M SORRY! I JUST HAD TO!
WHY?!
LOOK.
!
OH.
I SEE, NOW.

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE?!
STILL. IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES JUST HAVING A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION BETWEEN CLUB MEMBERS SOUND... BORING?
SIIIGH
IT NEEDS TO BE SPICED UP. WHAT DO YOU SAY?
AND NOW, SHE'S ACTING LIKE SHE'S IN CHARGE?
WHO CARES WHAT YOU THINK? YOU AREN'T EVEN IN THIS CLUB.
THAT SEALS IT! WHOEVER WINS GETS TO MAKE ONE OF THE LOSERS DO ONE THING THEY ORDER THEM TO!
HUH?
I SAID THE WINNER GETS TO GIVE ONE ABSOLUTE, CANNOT-BE-REFUSED ORDER TO ONE OF THE STINKIN' LOSERS, THAT'S WHAT!!
GRAAAAWR!
WE'RE DOING IT BECAUSE I SAID SO!!
WHO DIED AND MADE YOU CLUB CAPTAIN?!

IF THAT'S THE PRIZE, THEN ALLOW US TO PARTICIPATE, TOO!!



HUH ?!
WHO SAID THAT ?!

I may have lost the cooking contest, but I'll win this one!

TA-DAAAAAAH!!

HOW DID YOU IDIOTS *MANAGE THAT?!*

EVERY-ONE JUST SPOKE IN *UNI-SON ?!*

Sempai?

HUH ?!

I'LL TAKE YOU ALL ON.

AND IF I WIN...

Fry!

Fry!

I may have lost the cooking contest, but I'll win this one!
TA-DAAAAAAH!!
HOW DID YOU IDIOTS MANAGE THAT?!
EVERY-ONE JUST SPOKE IN UNI-SON?!
Sempai?
I'LL TAKE YOU ALL ON.
HUH?!
AND IF I WIN...

KAZAMA, I'M ORDER-ING YOU TO CALL ME BY MY NAME!
AND BY NAME I MEAN MY LAST NAME! TAKAO! USE IT!!
BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF YOU JUST CALLING ME "YOU" OR "HEY."

THAT'S IT?! I SET UP THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.!.
AND THAT'S ALL YOU WANT?!

ALL RIGHT! THEN IF I WIN, I WILL ORDER KAZAMA-SAN TO CALL ME "ROKA-TAN."
!!!
AND NOW, SOME TOUGH COMPETITION JUMPS IN!!
You've gotta be kidding!!

TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
Holy crap! They really did all show up!!

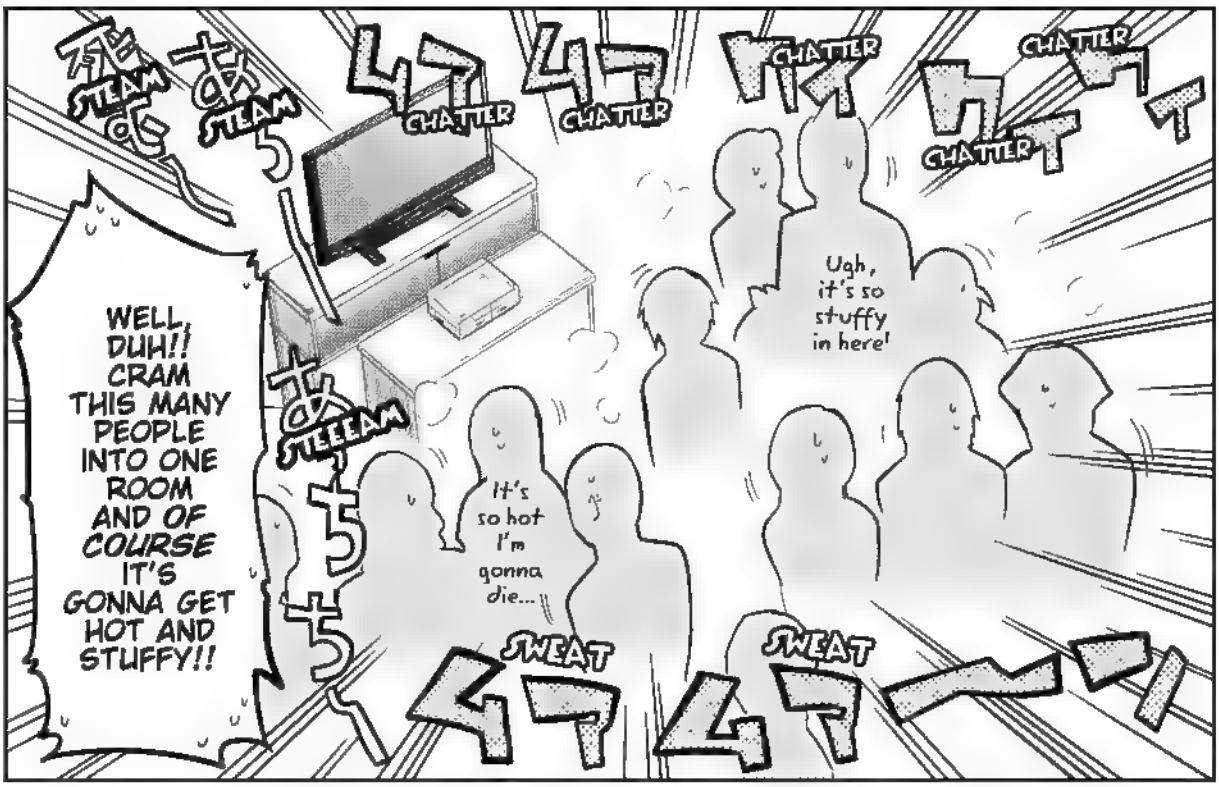
D-FRAGMENTS ディーふらぐ!

AFTER SCHOOL, SOME STUDENTS REMAIN FOR CLUBS OR CLASS REP ACTIVITIES...
WHILE SOME LOITER AROUND BECAUSE, WELL, THEY HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO.
THERE ARE A FEW WHO REMAIN FOR OTHER REASONS, BUT THOSE ARE THE PRIMARY REASONS.

WHEN THE STUDENTS WHO LOITER AROUND FOR NO PARTICULAR REASON CATCH WIND OF OUR TOURNAMENT, THERE'S NO WAY THEY WON'T COME.
AFTER ALL, IT MEANS THEY CAN PLAY GAMES AT SCHOOL !!
NEKKID CALIBUR
Chapter 42
They Stood Up!

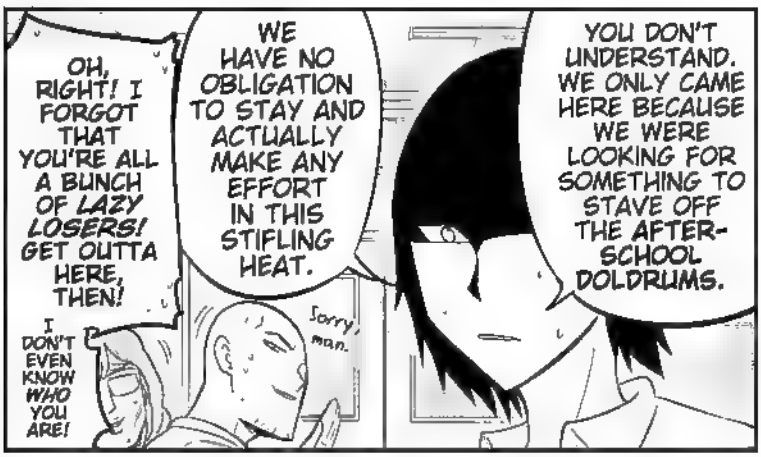
THE GRAND BATTLE BETWEEN THE SCHOOL'S MOST BORED STU-DENTS...
ズゴゴゴ...
TROMP-TROMP-TROMP-TROMP...
AC-CORD-ING-LY...

Is about to begin !!
Crap. I'm getting sleepy.
NOD NOD
You should have called me at the start!
WHOA! THIS IS WAY TOO MANY PEOPLE !!
THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE HERE THAN WHAT WAS SHOWN IN LAST CHAPTER'S TWO-PAGE SPREAD! THERE'S JUST GOTTA BE!!


STEAM
STEAM
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
WELL, DUH!! CRAM THIS MANY PEOPLE INTO ONE ROOM AND OF COURSE IT'S GONNA GET HOT AND STUFFY!!
Ugh, it's so stuffy in here!
It's so hot I'm gonna die...
STEAM
SWEAT
SWEAT

And me.
AFTER THEY CAME ALL THIS WAY, TOO!
AND NOW, SOME OF THEM ARE DROPPING OUT BECAUSE OF THE HEAT!!
Me too.
IT'S TOO HOT IN HERE. I'M WITH-DRAWING FROM THE TOURNA-MENT.

OOF.
IT REALLY IS HOT IN HERE.


OH, RIGHT! I FORGOT THAT YOU'RE ALL A BUNCH OF LAZY LOSERS! GET OUTTA HERE, THEN!
WE HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO STAY AND ACTUALLY MAKE ANY EFFORT IN THIS STIFLING HEAT.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. WE ONLY CAME HERE BECAUSE WE WERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO STAVE OFF THE AFTER-SCHOOL DOLDRUMS.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
Sorry, man.

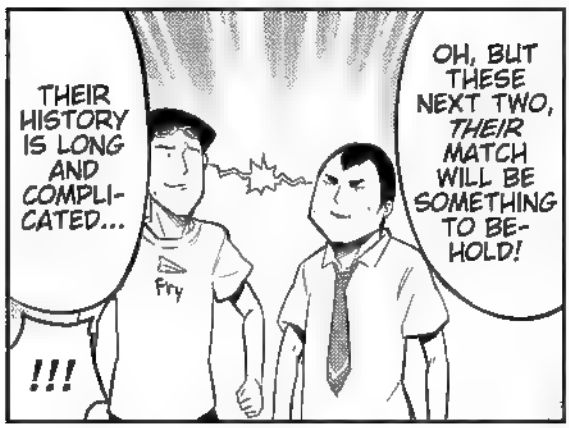
AND NOW, THEY'RE COMING BACK!!
ALL RIGHT, LINE UP! TWO LINES, NO PUSHING!
LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
MURMUR MURMUR
THIS IS A LOT MORE CHILL THAN OUR LAST FEW TOURNAMENTS ...
UGH! IT'S SO HOT IN HERE I DON'T THINK I WANNA BOTHER PLAYING.
HEE HEE HEE!
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE, THEN?
HN?

ARE YOU SO SURE ABOUT THAT? TAKE THOSE TWO FOR EXAMPLE ...
"TAKING THIS SERI-OUSLY"? THEY'RE ALL JUST HERE TO KILL TIME!
WHAT THE--?! THIS CHICK IS SERI-OUSLY CREEPY !!
ニヤリ
HANGING AROUND WHEN YOU DON'T MEAN TO PLAY IS RUDE TO THOSE WHO'RE TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY.

WHOA, I DIDN'T KNOW THOSE TWO WERE CONNECTED! WAIT, ISN'T THAT GIRL THE ONE WHO SAID SHE'S GOOD AT MAKING INSTANT NOODLES LAST CHAPTER?!
NEXT TO HER IS MUROMI-KUN, SON OF THE OWNER OF DAMASO RAMEN. TO THEM, THIS ISN'T A MERE GAME TOURNAMENT. THEIR FAMILY HONOR IS ON THE LINE!
Damaso Ramen "Stay Out Of The Shop" Muromi (Tends to swipe fried rice orders)
Iolan Ramen Restaurant "Poster Girl" Higashi (Tends to ditch work.)
HIGASHI-CHAN IS THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE OWNER OF IOLAN RAMEN.

HAS SNOW-BALLED INTO SOMETHING EVEN BIGGER FOR THEM...
HUNH. SO A SIMPLE GAME ...
ANYWAY, THEIR MATCH WILL BE ONE TO WATCH.
GAH! BOTH GOT KICKED OUT BEFORE THEY COULD FACE OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER?!

FORGET THE TOURNAMENT, THEY BOTH JUST WANTED TO ADVERTISE THEIR FAMILY RESTAURANTS! AND MUROMI CAN'T EVEN BRAG ABOUT THEIR RAMEN! HECK, HE DIDN'T EVEN SAY THE FRIED RICE WAS ANY GOOD!!
GET THE FRIED RICE. WE GIVE EXTRA-LARGE PORTIONS!
DON'T FORGET DAMASO RAMEN!
HEY, GUYS! COME ON BY IOLAN RAMEN AFTERWARDS! WE'VE GOT GOOD NOODLES AND GOOD BROTH!


THEIR HISTORY IS LONG AND COMPLI-CATED...
!!!
OH, BUT THESE NEXT TWO, *THEIR* MATCH WILL BE SOMETHING TO BE-HOLD!

YOU *SAY* THAT, BUT YOU LOOK PRETTY DISAP-POINTED !!
AH, WELL. THINGS DON'T ALWAYS WORK OUT THE WAY WE WANT THEM TOO.

WHAT WERE YOU BUTTING IN FOR?! DO THESE GUYS EVEN *PLAY* VIDEO GAMES?! WHY IS THIS THE DECIDING BATTLE?!
OH, WELL, UH, TH-THAT'S BECAUSE I HAD ALREADY STEPPED IN AND SUGGESTED THEY COME HERE TO SETTLE THEIR GRUDGE.
HUH?! WEREN'T THOSE TWO THE GUYS HAPPILY PLAYING WITH PAPER AIRPLANES IN JUST *THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER*?!
TAMACHI-KUN AND HAMAMATSU-KUN'S BATTLE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR WEEKS. IF ONE OF THEM DOES NOT MAKE A DECISIVE MOVE TODAY, THEY COULD LOSE IT ALL!

PAT...

I'D *LOVE* TO STAY QUIET, BUT YOU GUYS DON'T GIVE ME *THE CHANCE* !!
ER, ANY-WAY, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATCH FOR THEM. PLEASE STAY QUIET AND KEEP THE COMEBACKS TO A MINIMUM.

HEY, I'M, LIKE, TOTALLY SICK OF WAITING IN THIS HEAT, SO WOULD YOU SWITCH PLACES WITH ME?
D'YOU MIND?

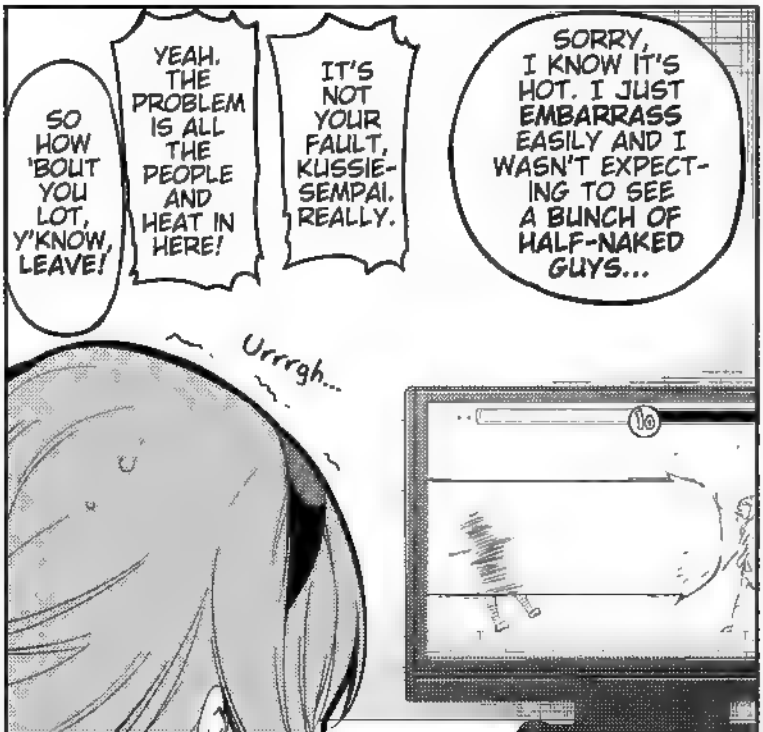
NO PROB, MAN!
THERE, SEE?! THAT MATCH DIDN'T COME TOGETHER *EITHER!!*

DA-DAAN!
HEY, KENJI! QUIT PICKING ON KUSSIE-SEMPAI. DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH WE OWE HER?
God, it is so HOT in here!
YOU KNOW HER?! AND WHERE'D YOUR *SHIRTS* GO?!
AH, WELL. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE SETTLED THEIR GRIEVANCES, SO I GUESS ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.
ONCE AGAIN, THE MATCH YOU HYPED-UP WAS A LET-DOWN!
I... I'M SO SORRY ...
UM, NO, IT'S OKAY! THAT WAS JUST, UH, BAD LUCK, Y'KNOW?!

SHE IS SO CARING AND RELIABLE THAT (DESPITE HER SUPER CREEPY EXPRESSION) SHE, ALONG WITH MATSUBARA-SEMPAI, IS REVERED AS ONE OF FUJOU ACADEMY'S TWO BEST BIG SISTERS.
KUDANSHITA-SEMPAI--A.K.A. KUSSIE--MAY SEEM CREEPY, BUT SHE IS ACTUALLY THE CARING AND RESPONSIBLE TYPE.
Y'all mind giving me a hand?
'Scuze me.
Kussie!
Kussie!!
Missing Cat
YOU DON'T NEED TO A-POLO-GIZE!
IT'S OKAY, I KNOW I'M CREEPY, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR TRYING TO BE CUTE WITH A SIDE PONY-TAIL...
QUIT CALLING HER CREEPY!

HEY, UH, KUSSIE-SEMPAI... I'M SORRY I BUTTED IN WITH ALL THOSE COMEBACKS WHEN YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO HELP.
NO, NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT! I DON'T MIND.

UM, C-COULD YOU BOYS PLEASE, PLEASE PUT YOUR SHIRTS BACK ON? PLEASE...? YOU'RE, UH...
PLUS, DESPITE HER CREEPY FACE, SHE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY CUTE AT TIMES, AND IS EVEN POPULAR WITH THE GUYS!
BLUSH
OH MAN, SHE ACTUALLY IS KINDA CUTE!!


SO HOW 'BOUT YOU LOT, Y'KNOW, LEAVE!
YEAH. THE PROBLEM IS ALL THE PEOPLE AND HEAT IN HERE!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, KUSSIE-SEMPAI. REALLY.
SORRY, I KNOW IT'S HOT. I JUST EMBARRASS EASILY AND I WASN'T EXPECT-ING TO SEE A BUNCH OF HALF-NAKED GUYS...
Urrrgh...

BUT IT'S HOT IN HERE! WHO DOESN'T WANNA STRIP ...
GUYS, NOBODY WANTS TO SEE THAT. PUT A SHIRT ON.
EEP! BUT THEY'RE STILL SHIRT-LESS!
WHEN IT'S THIS HOT?!
JUST GET DRES-SED !!

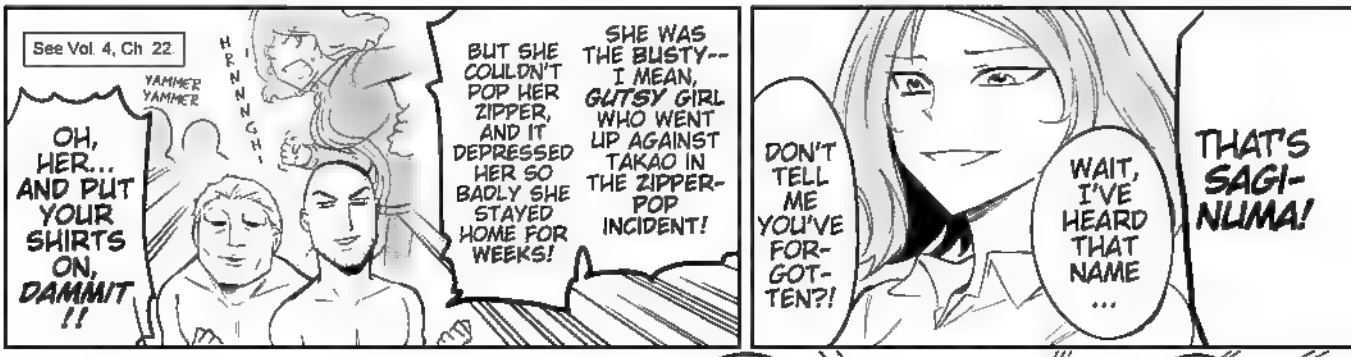
NOW HE'S CALLING KUDANSHITA-SEMPAI BY A CUTE NICKNAME! AUGH! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?!
I...I lost?
MUTTER MUTTER
Tch!
HE'S JUST DOING IT 'CAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS!
AND YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN HIM TO CALL YOU BY A CUTE NAME! UGH!

THIS WAS YOUR CHANCE! IF YOU WON, YOU COULD'VE MADE HIM YOUR SLAVE! YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN HIM TO *BLEEP* YOU!
OR, BETTER YET, *BLEEPITY-BLEEP!* NO, *BLEEEEP!* THERE YA GO! MAKE THE GUY DO *BLEEPITY-BLEEP-BLEEP* FOR YOU!!
GRAWR!
FWEEP FWEEP FWEEEP
WOW, SHE'S PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THIS ...
THE HEAT'S GONE TO HER HEAD, THAT'S ALL.

HMPH. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I HATE MOST ABOUT YOU, Y'KNOW.

Fweep-bleep?
? ? ?
DAM-MIT!
SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CLUE.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALL FOR NOTHING ...

ZWOOM...
IS THE DAY WE DREAMED OF FINALLY HERE?!
H-H-H-HOLY HECK! IT'S HER!!
WHO THE HECK IS THAT?! YOU KNOW HER?!
!!!
YOU ALWAYS PLAY THE SWEET LITTLE GIRL CARD.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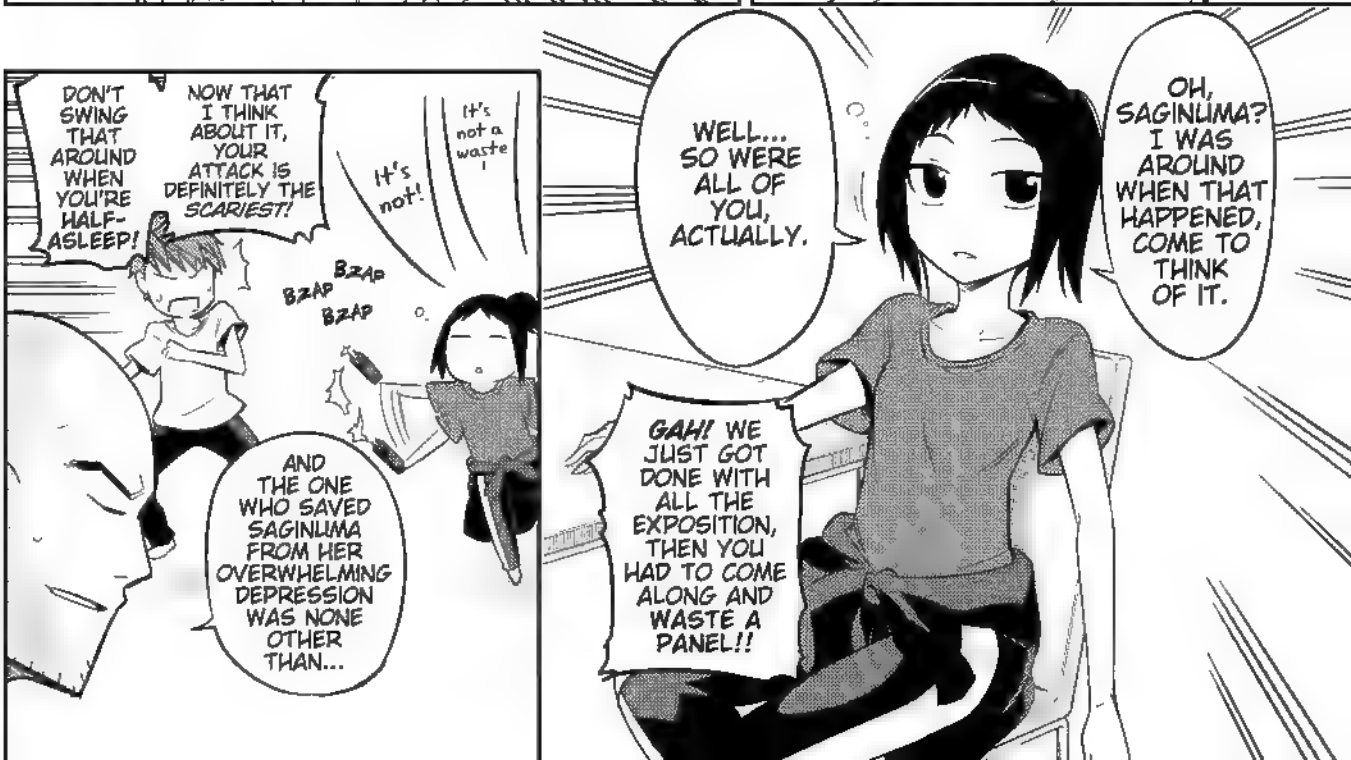
YAMMER YAMMER
HRNNGH!
OH, HER... AND PUT YOUR SHIRTS ON, DAMMIT!!
BUT SHE COULDN'T POP HER ZIPPER, AND IT DEPRESSED HER SO BADLY SHE STAYED HOME FOR WEEKS!
SHE WAS THE BUSTY-- I MEAN, GUTSY GIRL WHO WENT UP AGAINST TAKAO IN THE ZIPPER-POP INCIDENT!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FOR-GOT-TEN?!
WAIT, I'VE HEARD THAT NAME ...
THAT'S SAGI-NUMA!


DON'T SWING THAT AROUND WHEN YOU'RE HALF-ASLEEP!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOUR ATTACK IS DEFINITELY THE SCARIEST!
It's not a waste!
It's not!
BZAP BZAP BZAP
AND THE ONE WHO SAVED SAGINUMA FROM HER OVERWHELMING DEPRESSION WAS NONE OTHER THAN...
WELL... SO WERE ALL OF YOU, ACTUALLY.
GAH! WE JUST GOT DONE WITH ALL THE EXPOSITION, THEN YOU HAD TO COME ALONG AND WASTE A PANEL!!
OH, SAGINUMA? I WAS AROUND WHEN THAT HAPPENED, COME TO THINK OF IT.

DWAH?! KUSSIE-SEMPAI, YOU DON'T GOTTA SOLVE EVERYONE'S PROBLEMS, YA KNOW!
THAT'S STILL PRETTY IMPRESSIVE! I MEAN, I AIN'T EVEN IN THE TOP 100! SO I GUESS I CAN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT BEING A FORMER #1 FEELS LIKE, BUT I'LL STILL LISTEN...
C'MON, NOW. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HAVING THE SECOND BIGGEST BUST IN SCHOOL!
YEP, YOU GUESSED IT! KUSSIE-SEMPAI!
Top 100...

WELL, SHE TOOK HER ZIPPER-POP-FAILURE VERY HARD.
AND YOU TALKED HER OUT OF IT?! THAT'S AMAZ-ING!

AND NOW, I HAVE BEEN REBORN AS SAGINUMA 2.0, BIGGER AND BETTER! NOT THAT ANY-THING HAS ACTUALLY GROWN ANY BIGGER...
BUT IF PEOPLE WANT TO SPREAD RUMORS SAYING OTHERWISE, I WON'T COMPLAIN! OH HO HO HO HO!
GIMME A BREAK! HOW COULD SOMEBODY WITH AN EGO THAT BIG REFUSE TO COME TO SCHOOL FOR THAT LONG?!

Oh ho ho!
BUT, IF SOMEONE WITH THAT MUCH PRIDE LOSES A SECOND TIME, THAT MIGHT SEND HER INTO A PIT OF DESPAIR SHE'LL NEVER CRAWL OUT OF!
THE ONLY THING HOLDING HER TOGETHER IS HER MASSIVE EGO. SHE EVEN DOES THAT HAUGHTY "OH HO HO!" LAUGH.
IF SHE LOSES AGAIN, ALL OF KUSSIE-SEMPAI'S EFFORTS WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING!

WAIT...!
HMMM...
I...I DON'T KNOW...
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, TAKAO-SAN?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
I SAID, "WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, TAKAO-SAN?"
WH-WHA...?
Y-YOU... T-TAKAO...?
H-HEY! H-HOW DARE YOU CALL ME BY MY NAME NOW?!
HUH? YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU DIDN'T LIKE BEING CALLED JUST "YOU."
BUT YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO START CALLING ME THAT UNTIL AFTER I WON!
WHY? IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN SOME STUPID TOURNAMENT JUST TO GET ME TO CALL YOU BY NAME.
BUT IF I WIN, YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL ME "ROKA-TAMA-TAN"!
YEAH, I'LL DO THAT WHEN HELL FREEZES OVER!
THAT'S REASONABLE...
I GUESS KENJI'S JUST NOT AS INVESTED IN ALL THIS...

DON'T ASK ME.
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO?
GLANCE
ERM MMM ...
UHM MM MMM ...

OH ...
IF HE LOSES, IT'S HIS OWN STUPID FAULT FOR COMIN' AT ME.
THOUGH PERSONALLY, IF SOME GUY COMES TO ME LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, I DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT WHATEVER BAGGAGE HE HAS.

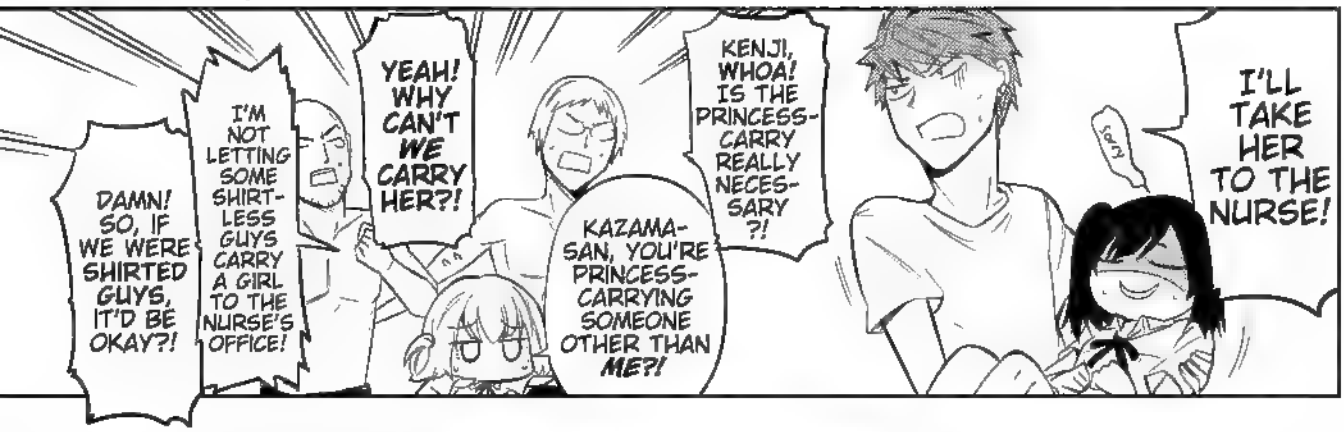
KUDAN-SHITA-SEMPAI, I'M SORRY.
?

I'M AFRAID I MIGHT CAUSE YOU... A LITTLE BIT OF TROUBLE...
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I CAN HANDLE IT.
.....
AH ...!!
IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S GOING TO TAKE DOWN SAGINUMA!
OH, YOU TWO HAVE NO IDEA. FROM WHAT I CAN SEE, SAGINUMA-SEMPAI DOESN'T EVEN ENTER THE EQUATION!
GOOD FOR YOU, CAPTAIN! YOU'RE FINALLY GOING AFTER WHAT YOU WANT IN LIFE!
THIS IS THE BATTLE THAT THOSE IN THE KNOW HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!
UM, BEST OF LUCK!
YEAH! YOU TOO!

NO! FUNABORI-CHAN IS GONNA WIN! AND THEN, SHE'LL BE UP AGAINST ME!
GAH! THERE WAS ANOTHER COOKING CLUB NPC HERE?!
IN FACT, WHO'RE YOU?!
NO ONE CARES ABOUT YOU EITHER!
OH HO HO HO! HURRY UP AND BEAT THAT LITTLE GIRL SO WE CAN DUKE IT OUT!
UH, SORRY, YOU'RE JUST KIND OF AN AFTER-THOUGHT!
UM, MY NAME'S OSHIMA. HIGASHI-SEMPAI WAS FOCUSED ON HER MATCH WITH MUROMI-KUN, BUT I'M ALL ABOUT CHALLENGING FUNABORI-CHAN.
WE'RE THIS FAR INTO THE CHAPTER AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA INTRODUCE YOURSELF?!
NO ONE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW DEEP MY JEALOUSY OF FUNABORI-CHAN RUNS. BACK WHEN THE BOYS TOOK THEIR SHIRTS OFF, AND WHEN EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT BOOBS, SHE WAS OFF-PANEL FIDGETING AND BLUSHING. IT WAS TOO CUTE!!
I CAN'T STAND IT...!
I WANT TO SAY I BEAT HER AT SOME-THING AT LEAST ONCE!!
WHOA! CAN WE PLEASE STOP TALKING LIKE THIS MATCH-- Y'KNOW, THE ONE THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET--IS ALREADY OVER AND DONE WITH?!
I'M GON-NA WIN!
You're blocking the view!
I'LL FINALLY HAVE THE CHANCE TO BEAT HER ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SO THEY FAILED AT COOKING AND ZIPPER-BUSTING, BUT THEY'RE HAPPY SETTLING THINGS OVER A COMPLETELY UNRELATED VIDEO GAME?

REAL-LY?
TH-THAT'S OKAY. I FEEL FINE!
IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL, WE CAN WAIT A LITTLE BIT.
ER, WELL, I'VE ALREADY ACHIEVED MY ORIGINAL GOAL. BEYOND THAT...I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, TAKAO-SAN?
TO BE HONEST, I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET.
SO, UM, IF YOU WIN, FUNABORI-SAN, WHAT WILL YOU ASK FOR?
KA-TONK
THUD
"THUD"?
THEY STOOD UP!!

KUSSIE-SEMPAI COL-LAPSED!
WHEN THEY STOOD UP, SHE FELL DOWN!!
IT...IT'S MY OWN FAULT. I WANTED... TO SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END, BUT I GUESS THE HEAT WAS TOO MUCH...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WAIT, SO YOU'RE NOT JUST CREEPY-PALE ALL THE TIME?! YOU WERE ACTUALLY SICK?!

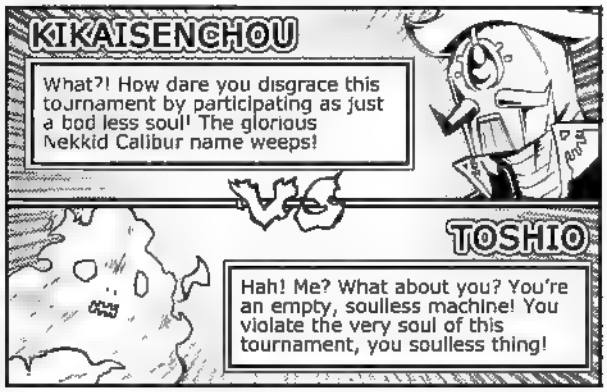

I'LL TAKE HER TO THE NURSE!
KENJI, WHOA! IS THE PRINCESS-CARRY REALLY NECES-SARY?!
KAZAMA-SAN, YOU'RE PRINCESS-CARRYING SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME?!
YEAH! WHY CAN'T WE CARRY HER?!
I'M NOT LETTING SOME SHIRT-LESS GUYS CARRY A GIRL TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE!
DAMN! SO, IF WE WERE SHIRTED GUYS, IT'D BE OKAY?!

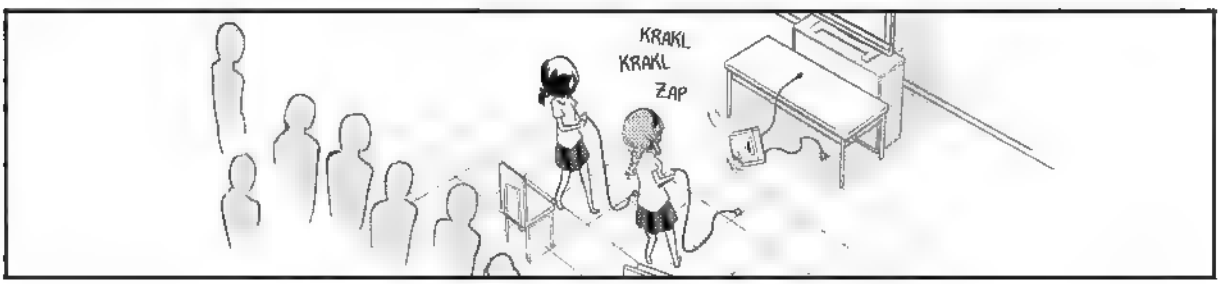
YOU CAN'T GO!!

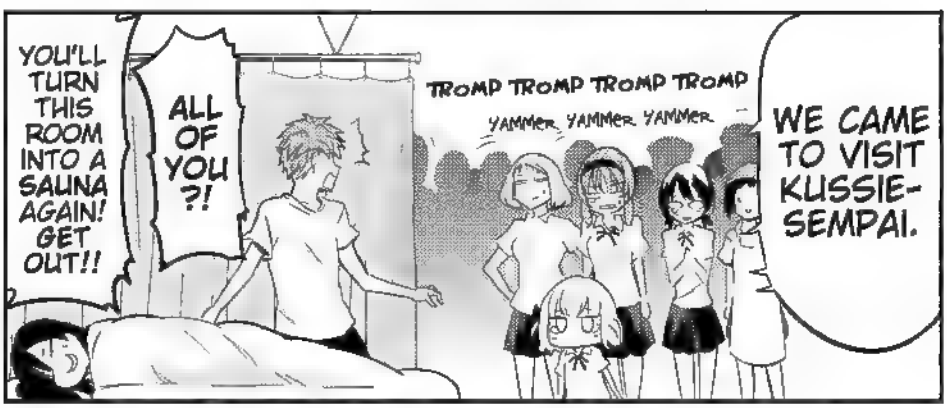
WHAT ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT? YOU NEED TO LOSE SO I CAN MAKE YOU CALL ME "ROKA-TAMA-LAMA-TAN-TAPPA-HAAH-HAAH"!
NOW ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT! AND I NEVER REALLY CARED ABOUT WINNING!
PLUS, YOU KEEP MAKING THAT DUMB NAME EVEN LONGER!
WAIT...

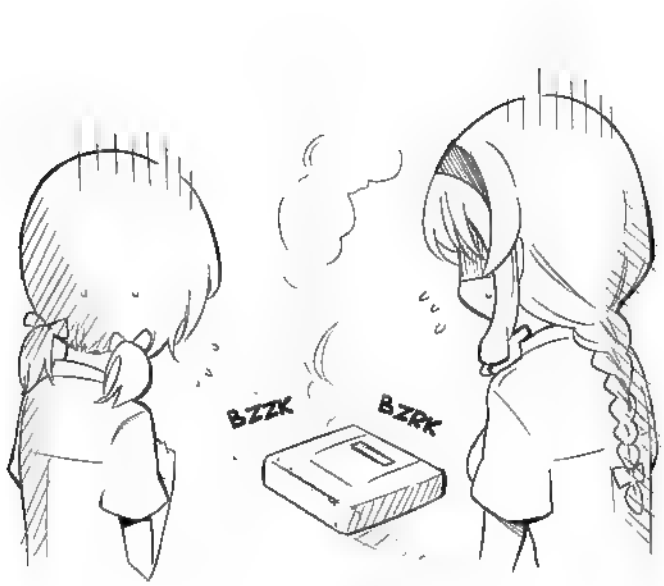
!!!
KRAASH
YANK

FITZZ


KIKAISENCHOU
What?! How dare you disgrace this tournament by participating as just a bad less soul! The glorious Nekkid Calibur name weeps!
VS
TOSHIO
Hah! Me? What about you? You're an empty, soulless machine! You violate the very soul of this tournament, you soulless thing!


KRAKL
KRAKL
ZAP


YOU'LL TURN THIS ROOM INTO A SAUNA AGAIN! GET OUT!!
ALL OF YOU ?!
TROMP TROMP TROMP TROMP
YAMMER YAMMER YAMMER
WE CAME TO VISIT KUSSIE-SEMPAI.


BZZK
BZRK

D-FRAGMENTS
ディーふらぐ!

BOY, IT SURE IS QUIET TODAY!
TAK
YEAH. WE'VE SEEN A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE AROUND HERE LATELY.
Both in and out of club...
TAK
NOW WE CAN FINALLY SIT BACK AND RELAX.
GO BACK TO THE STAFF ROOM.
STILL. I GUESS IT IS KINDA NICE TO CHILL OUT.

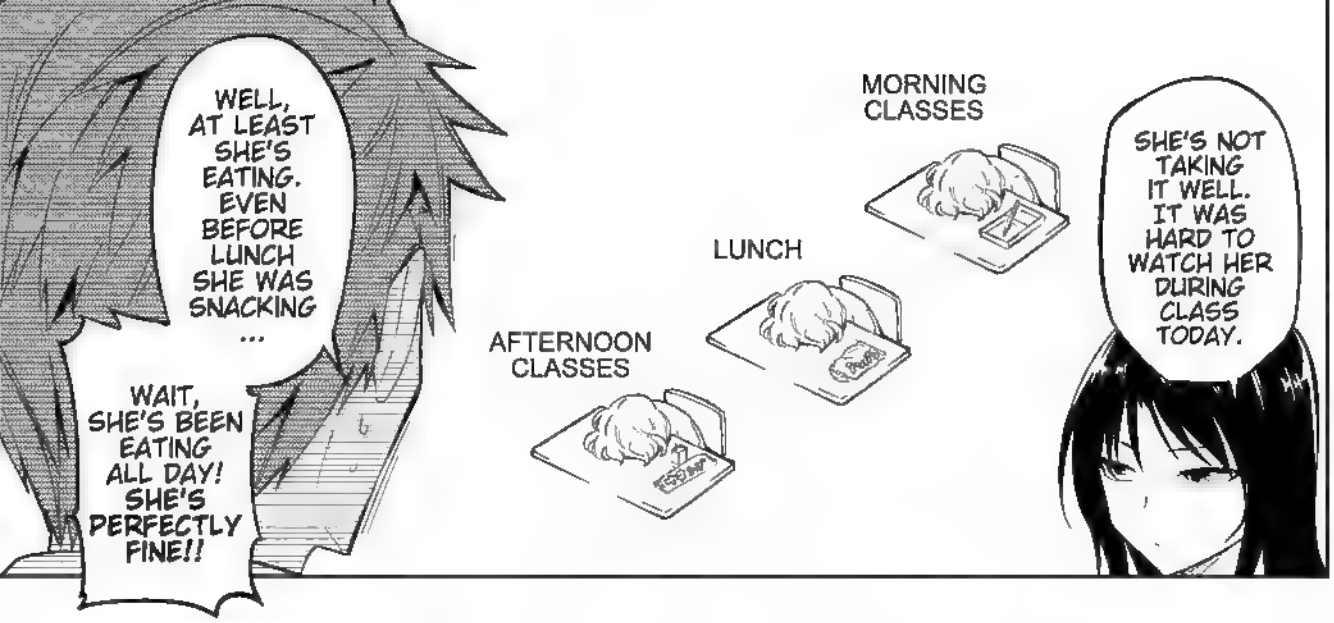
WOW! SO YOU FIND IT RELAXING HERE, SEMPAI?
NOW YOU'RE REALLY ONE OF US!

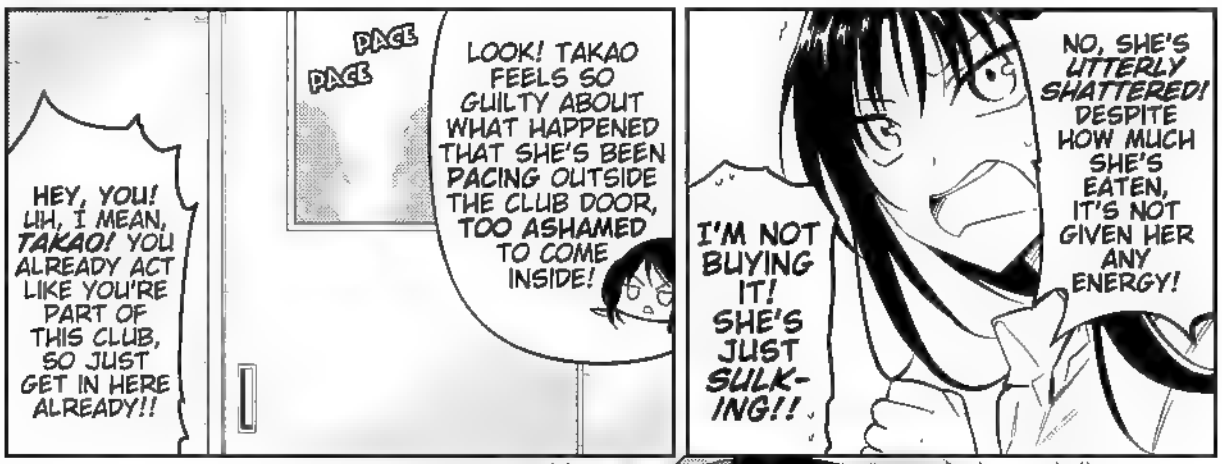
NOPE! NUH-UH! SORRY. NEVER.
KTONK
I'M GOING HOME.
AWWW!
SEMPAI! DON'T GO!
PLEASE?
LATER.
OKAY, IF YOU'VE GOTTA GO...

AT LEAST DO SOMETHING ABOUT SHIBASAKI-SEMPAI FIRST!
NOT. MY. PROB-LEM.
Chapter 43
"KA-TAK"

OH, RIGHT. THAT.
I slept through that part

WHAT'S WITH HER, ANYWAY? SHE'S BEEN LIKE THAT FOR HOURS.
HOURS? MORE LIKE SINCE YESTERDAY!
!!
SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE THE GAME CONSOLE BROKE.

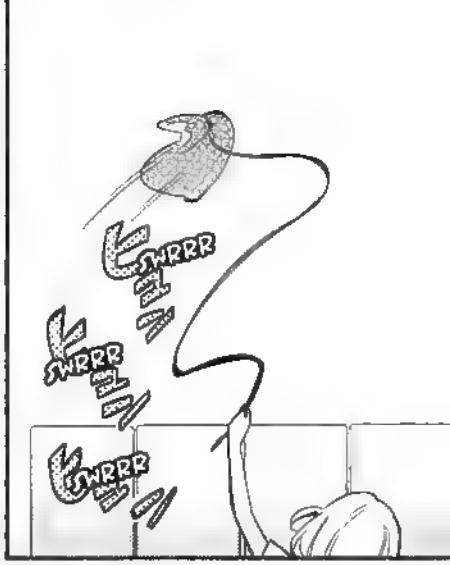

WELL, AT LEAST SHE'S EATING. EVEN BEFORE LUNCH SHE WAS SNACKING ...
WAIT, SHE'S BEEN EATING ALL DAY! SHE'S PERFECTLY FINE!!
MORNING CLASSES
LUNCH
AFTERNOON CLASSES
SHE'S NOT TAKING IT WELL. IT WAS HARD TO WATCH HER DURING CLASS TODAY.


PACE
PACE
LOOK! TAKAO FEELS SO GUILTY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THAT SHE'S BEEN PACING OUTSIDE THE CLUB DOOR, TOO ASHAMED TO COME INSIDE!
HEY, YOU! UH, I MEAN, TAKAO! YOU ALREADY ACT LIKE YOU'RE PART OF THIS CLUB, SO JUST GET IN HERE ALREADY!!
I'M NOT BUYING IT! SHE'S JUST SULK-ING!!
NO, SHE'S UTTERLY SHATTERED! DESPITE HOW MUCH SHE'S EATEN, IT'S NOT GIVEN HER ANY ENERGY!

PEEK
UMM... HERE. FUNABORI SAID SHE'S REALLY SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ...
SO SHE BAKED SOME COOKIES AS AN APOLOGY ...
IF YOU WANT SOME ...
MUMBLE MUMBLE

ZWAP
SWISH

GRAB


SWRRR
SWRRR
SWRRR

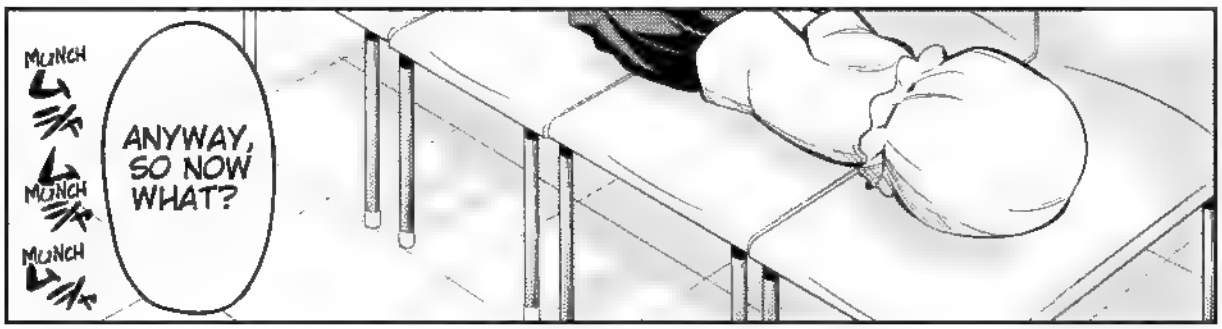
HOLY CRAP!!
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE COULD USE HER BAG LIKE THAT !!

SHVR
SHVR
SHVR
AND NOW SHE'S EVEN MORE IN THE DUMPS, BECAUSE THE FLASHY DEBUT FOR HER NEW TECHNIQUE FAILED IN FRONT OF EVERYONE!!

AMAZING! IN THAT SPLIT SECOND, TAKAO INSTINCTIVELY SWITCHED THE COOKIES TO HER OTHER HAND. TALK ABOUT LIGHTING REFLEXES.
PRETTY IM-PRES-SIVE!

WAIT, SHE MISSED ?! SHE DIDN'T GET THE COOKIES !!
HUH? WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?
DING

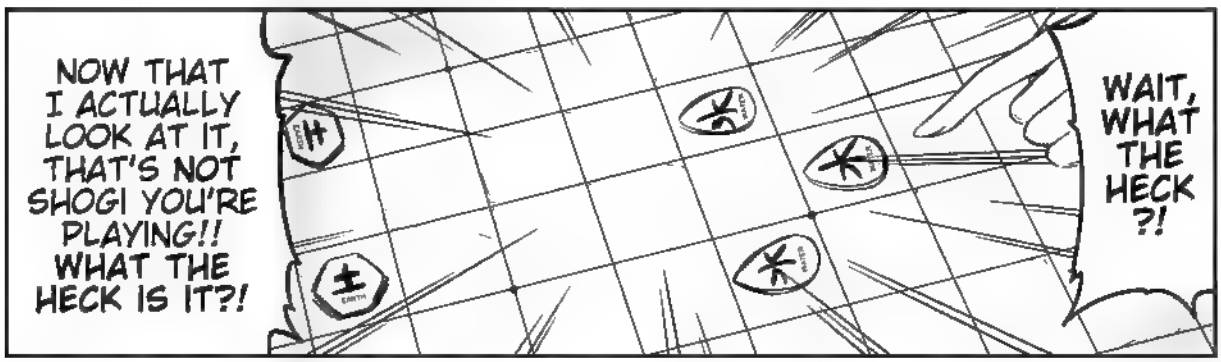
COME ON, TAKAO, JUST HAND THEM OVER!!
UM, YES, THAT'S ME. I'M TAKAO.
?!
AND I'M VERY SORRY.


MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
ANYWAY, SO NOW WHAT?

MUNCH
MUNCH
YEAH.
CAN'T YOU TWO EVEN PRETEND TO BE WORRIED?
KRUNCH
TAK
HMM. GOOD QUESTION.
IS SHE EVEN MOVING OVER THERE?

THAT'S NOT WHAT THE BACK-GROUND PICTURE IMPLIES !!
NO, NO! LIKE IN THE LEGEND, WE'LL LURE HER OUT BY HAVING FUN!
WHAT, SO YOU'RE GONNA FORCE HER OUT OF HER "CAVE"?
Come on out!
THWAK THWAK
CLOG CLOG
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE LEGEND ABOUT AMATERASU AND HOW SHE COOPED HERSELF UP IN A CAVE?

Broke...
Too bad the video game console broke, or we could use that...
OKAY, BUT IS THERE ANYTHING AROUND HERE THAT WE CAN USE TO LURE HER OUT?
HN?
TAK
FORCING HER OUT ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM THAT STARTED THIS!
So then what was up with that image?
ULG!
She'll still be sad, just vertical instead of horizontal.


NOW THAT I ACTUALLY LOOK AT IT, THAT'S NOT SHOGI YOU'RE PLAYING!! WHAT THE HECK IS IT?!
WAIT, WHAT THE HECK ?!

I GET TO FLIP IT OVER!
!!
FWIP
OH, HEY! MY WATER TILE REACHED YOUR SIDE OF THE BOARD.

NOTHING YOU WEIRDOS DO IS "OBVIOUS"!
HUH? IT'S TOTALLY SHOGI, IT'S JUST OUR CLUB-ORIGINAL, HOUSE-RULES VERSION. OBVIOUSLY.

IT JUST LEAPS AHEAD?! WAIT "CHIKARA MIZU" IS THAT WATER SUMO WRESTLERS DRINK BEFORE STEPPING INTO THE RING, RIGHT ?!
ZOOOOM
BOO-YAH!
HUH?! "POWER WATER"?! WHAT THE HECK DOES THAT MEAN?!
KA-TAK
CHIKARA MIZU

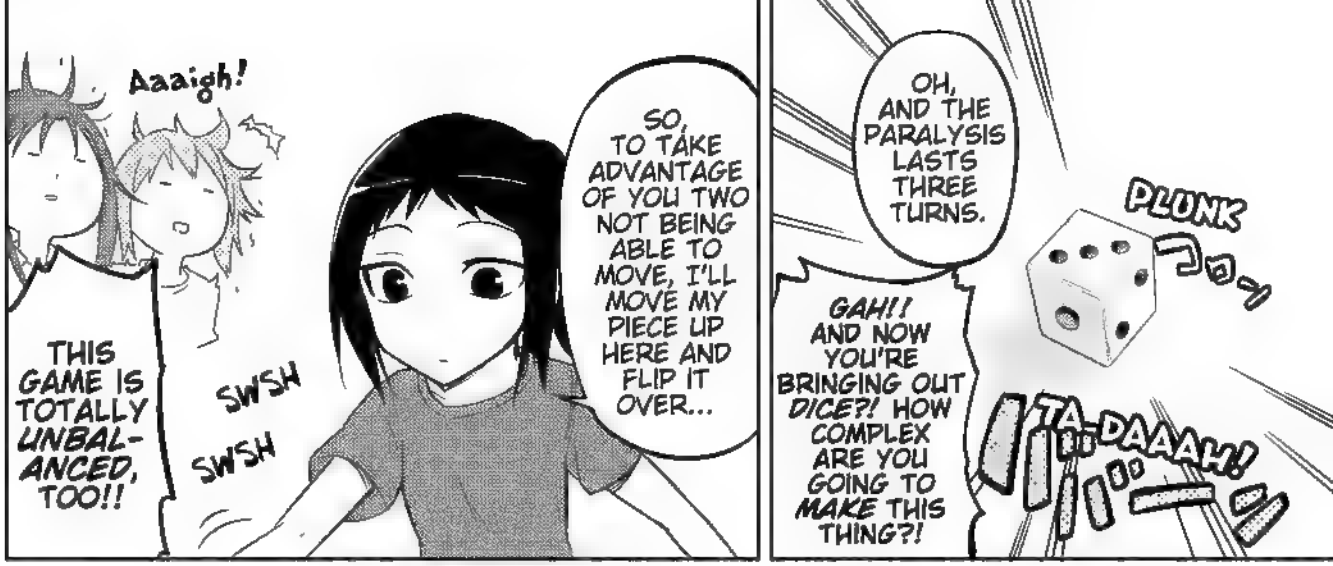
NGH! THAT'S POWER WATER FOR YOU. IT HAS SOME OF THE HIGHEST ATTACK STRENGTH IN THE WHOLE SET!
HNNGH
THERE ISN'T EVEN A HINT OF STRATEGY TO ANY OF THIS!! APOLOGIZE TO REAL SHOGI PLAYERS EVERYWHERE RIGHT NOW!! WAIT... THIS ISN'T EVEN SHOGI!!
KLAK
EARTH
CHIKARA MIZU
KLAK

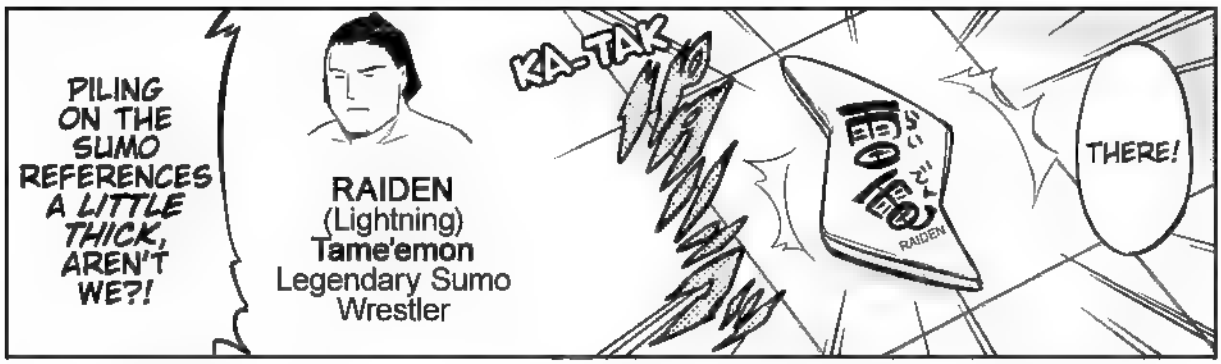
AH WELL...
Gooo!
Gaah!
ARE THEY REALLY GONNA DECIDE THE WINNER ON WHO BASHES THE TILES HARDER?
.....
KLAK KLAK

NOW YOU'RE ADDING MORE ELEMENTS TO THIS GAME--ON SEVERAL LEVELS! PLUS, HOW BIG IS THAT BOARD?!
BZZAAP
NOT ONLY THAT, I ACTIVATE THE "ELECTRICITY" TILE'S SPECIAL EFFECT, PARALYZING ALL TILES WITHIN A CERTAIN RANGE.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT I GUESS I OUGHT TO STEP IN.
TAK
雷
ELECTRICITY
WHAT THE HECK?! THIS GAME CAN HANDLE THREE PLAYERS ?!

IS ACTING OUT THE EFFECTS REALLY NECES-SARY?!
.....!!
BZZAP
BZZAP
BZZAP
AAA RGH !!
BZZAP
BZZAP
BZZAP


Aaaigh!
THIS GAME IS TOTALLY UNBALANCED, TOO!!
SWSH
SWSH
SO, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU TWO NOT BEING ABLE TO MOVE, I'LL MOVE MY PIECE UP HERE AND FLIP IT OVER...
OH, AND THE PARALYSIS LASTS THREE TURNS.
PLUNK
GAH!! AND NOW YOU'RE BRINGING OUT DICE?! HOW COMPLEX ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THIS THING?!
TA-DAAAH!


PILING ON THE SUMO REFERENCES A LITTLE THICK, AREN'T WE?!
RAIDEN
(Lightning)
Tame'emon
Legendary Sumo Wrestler
KA-TAK
RAIDEN
THERE!

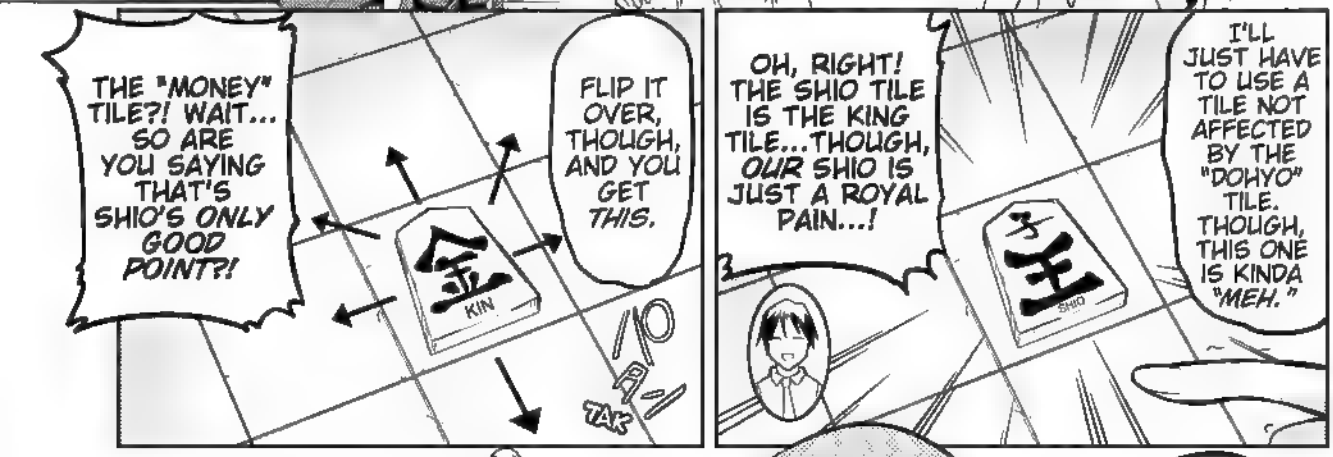
HMPH. FLIPPING THAT "ELECTRICITY" TILE WAS A MISTAKE, Y'KNOW.
DO YOU REALLY NEED THE SOUND EFFECTS ?!
THWAK THWAK
KA-BAM !!

ARGH!! "DOHYO" AS IN "DIRT RING," THE NAME FOR THE SUMO CIRCLE?! WHY ALL THE SUMO REFERENCES ?!
KA-TAK
DOHYO
TA-DA! IT'S NOW A "DOHYO" TILE!!

THAT LETS ME FLIP IT OVER, AND...
BECAUSE YOUR PARALYSIS ATTACK BROKE THE SEALS HOLDING DOWN MY "EARTH" TILE!

WAAAAAAAH!! SHE GOT US!!
AS THE "DOHYO" IS WHERE ALL SUMO TAKES PLACE, THIS TILE SUCKS IN AND CAPTURES ALL SUMO-RELATED TILES!!
HOLY CRAP! HOW MANY SUMO RELATED TILES ARE THERE?!

ARE YOU GIRLS OKAY WITH PRETENDING TO BE GIANT SUMO WRESTLERS?!
!!
ERM... WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE THINK OF OUR TILES AS OUR AVATARS OR ANYTHING. ANYWAY, WANT A COOKIE?
SEMPAI! HAVE A COOKIE!
HERE. THIS IS A GIFT FROM YOUR TEACHER.
DID YOU NOT THINK OF THAT UNTIL I MENTIONED IT?!


I'LL JUST HAVE TO USE A TILE NOT AFFECTED BY THE "DOHYO" TILE. THOUGH, THIS ONE IS KINDA "MEH."
SHIO
OH, RIGHT! THE SHIO TILE IS THE KING TILE...THOUGH, OUR SHIO IS JUST A ROYAL PAIN...!
FLIP IT OVER, THOUGH, AND YOU GET THIS.
KIN
TAX
THE "MONEY" TILE?! WAIT... SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT'S SHIO'S ONLY GOOD POINT?!

I GUESS THIS ONE IS OUR ONLY HOPE.
KAZE
WIND...?! WAIT, IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE MY ELEMENT ...?!

THIS GAME SUCKS! IT'S UNBAL-ANCED, UNEVEN, AND TOTALLY RANDOM!!
GAAH!! AND WE JUST BARELY SURVIVED THE ANTI-SUMO ATTACK! WE'VE ALREADY LOST MOST OF OUR TILES! NO ONE'S GONNA SURVIVE THIS!!
??
風
KAZE
THE "KAZE" TILE CREATES A CYCLONE! ALL TILES WITHIN RANGE OF IT ARE BLOWN OFF THE BOARD!

WELL, OKAY THEN! I'LL JUST HAVE TO FLIP IT OVER.
BWAH ?!

YOU'RE JUST GETTING IT NOW?!
HUH ?! OH!!
SEE?! I KNEW IT! THAT TILE WAS SUP-POSED TO BE ME!
HMPH! MY "DOHYO" TILE IS NOT SO LIGHT THAT IT CAN BE TOSSED AWAY BY KAZAMA'S LITTLE BREEZE!

GAH!! DON'T TELL ME MY OWN "COMEBACKS" ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THE "COMEBACK" OF THE SUMO PIECES?!!

YOWZA! ♪
WAIT, YOU'RE USING IT IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS THE SUMO PIECES! IS EVERY FLIPPED-OVER TILE SOMEHOW SUMO RELATED?!

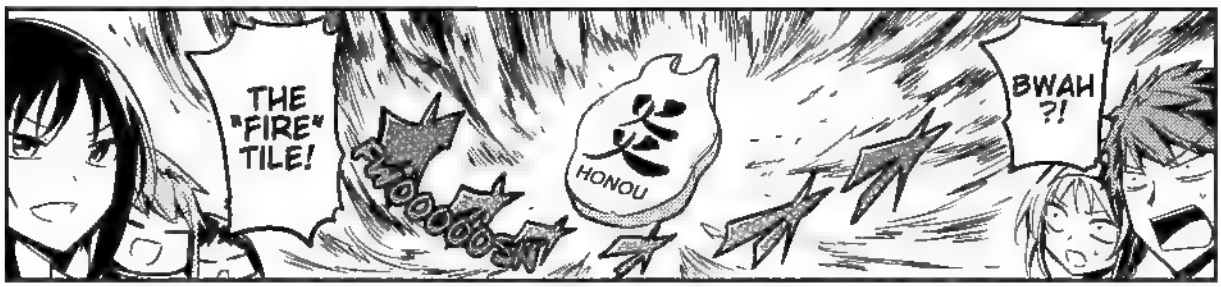
KA-TAK
TSUKKOMI
"COME-BACK" ?!

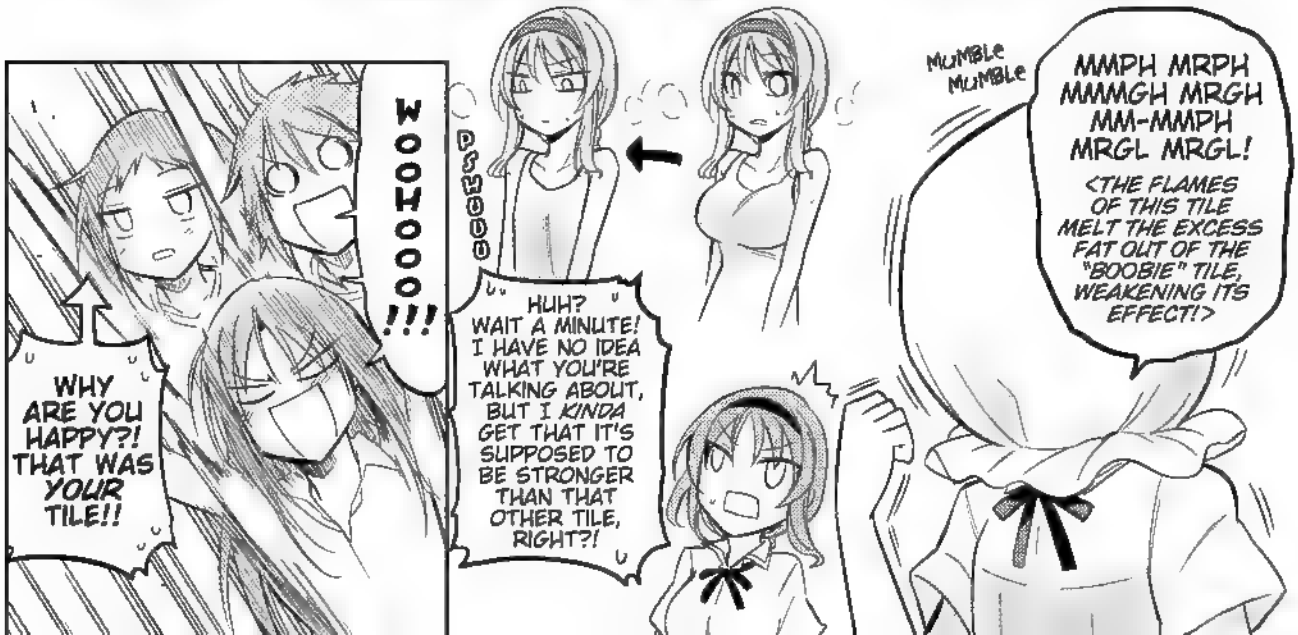
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PULL OUT MY ULTIMATE WEAPON.
CHICHI
ABUN-DANCE ?!!
BWOOOING
TAK
HUH? WHAT'S THAT TILE SUPPOSED TO RE-PRE-SENT?
YOU, OBVI-OUSLY !!

BOOM GOES THE DYNA-MITE!
BWOING
BWOING
BWOING
IS THAT THING INVIN-CIBLE ?!

CAN'T ANY-THING BE DONE ?!
IT CAN'T BE STOP-PED!
THIS GAME IS SO RAN-DOM !!
quiver
AHAHA! DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING, EH? HA... HA...HA...
quiver quiver
EVEN YOU LOOK TER-RIFIED BY IT!!
I THOUGHT THE "TSUKKOMI" TILE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO IT, BUT IT GOT BOUNCED AS WELL.
DRAT !
ARRGH! MY "DOHYO" TILE MANAGED TO SURVIVE THE CYCLONE, BUT IT STILL GOT BOUNCED OUT!
DAM-MIT!!

WHAM
!!!!


THE "FIRE" TILE!
WOOOOSH
HONOU
BWAH ?!


WOOHOOO!!!
WHY ARE YOU HAPPY?! THAT WAS YOUR TILE!!
PSHOOO
HUH? WAIT A MINUTE! I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT I KINDA GET THAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE STRONGER THAN THAT OTHER TILE, RIGHT?!
MUMBLE MUMBLE
MMPH MRPH MMMGH MRGH MM-MMPH MRGL MRGL!
<THE FLAMES OF THIS TILE MELT THE EXCESS FAT OUT OF THE "BOOBIE" TILE, WEAKENING ITS EFFECT!>

AAAH! WE HAVE TO CLOSE OUR EYES FOR SIX TURNS!
コンボ!!
COMBO!!
YAMI
MRPHL MMPH MMMPH MPH MPH MRGL MMPH MRGL MRGL!
<DON'T CELEBRATE YET! FLIPPING IT OVER REVEALS THE "DARKNESS" TILE! NOT ONLY THAT, I GOT A SIX WHEN I ROLLED THE DIE!>

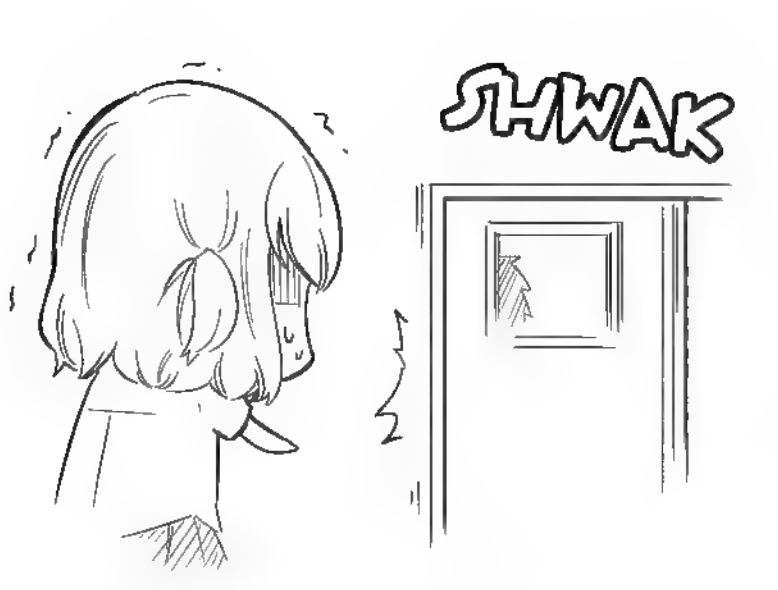
CLOSING MY EYES MAKES ME FEEL KINDA SLEEPY ...
MY TILES!
ARRGH! I CAN'T EVEN SEE WHAT SHE'S DOING!
WAK WAK WAK
MMPHA MMPHA MMPHA! MMPH MMPHL MRPH MRRG!
<MWAHHAHA! WHILE YOUR EYES ARE CLOSED, I CAN DESTROY ALL YOUR TILES!>

SWIT.
AND THOSE...
TA-DAAAAH
GAME OVER !!
TILE
TILE
TILE
TILE
TILE
TILE
COOKIE
COOKIE
TILE

ARE THE BASIC RULES FOR OUR CLUB-VERSION, HOUSE-RULES SHOGI VARIANT.

Okay, so this is a file... and this is a cookie...
MUTTER MUTTER
JOIN US!!
BAAA BA-BA BAAAN!
パンポカパーン
NOW LET'S ALL HAVE FUN AND PLAY ROUND TWO TOGETHER !!

I'M GOING HOME.
WHAT-EVER.
NO OO !!


SHWAK

D-FRAGMENTS
ディーふらぐ!

HEY, YOU! YEAH, YOU! YOU'RE THAT "KAZAMA" GUY, RIGHT?
YOU MUST BE. YOU'VE GOT THE SPIKY HAIR AND EVERYTHING.
C'MERE! WE NEED TO TALK.
STMP
STMP
STMP
HM? ARE YOU A FRIEND OF KENJI'S?
STMP
STMP
STMP
STAAAAAAre
NOPE.

I THINK SHE'S A NEW CHAR-ACTER.
WHADDYA MEAN, "NEW CHAR-ACTER" ?!
Chapter 44
Your Sister Is Lying To You!

HUH?! KUSSIE *WHO?!* AND LOTS OF TEENAGE GIRLS WEAR THEIR HAIR THIS WAY!!
PLUS, YOU'VE GOT THAT SIDE PONYTAIL THING GOING ON. THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE KUSSIE-SEMPAI'S SCHTICK.

GAWD... THERE HAVE BEEN *WAY TOO MANY* NEW PEOPLE INTRODUCED LATELY. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO REMEMBER EVERYBODY?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! PEOPLE AREN'T JUST *CHARACTERS* IN YOUR STORY! DO YOU THINK ALL SEVEN BILLION LIVES ON THIS PLANET REVOLVE AROUND *YOU*?!

BUT YOU STILL CHANGED IT!!
.....

UGH! OKAY, FINE! I PUT MY HAIR BACK. HAPPY?!
Hmph!!
NOW GO GET KISSIE OR WHATEVER HER NAME IS! I'LL TAKE HER STUPID SIDE PONYTAIL OUT, TOO!
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO SEE ME.
!
HAH! I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHO THIS KUSSIE GIRL IS, BUT I'M SURE SHE'S JUST A BIT PLAYER!
UNLIKE A MAIN CHARACTER LIKE ME.
HEY, WHO SAYS YOU GET TO DECIDE WHO'S A BIT PART? DO YOU THINK THE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND YOU?
Y-YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT! I NEED TO TALK TO YOU, SO C'MERE!
WHY?
RAWR
I GOTTA TALK TO YA AND IT MIGHT TAKE A WHILE, SO LET'S JUST GO TO A CAFÉ OR SOMETHING, 'KAY?!
RAWR
RAWR!
JEEZ, WHAT'S WITH HER?
I-IMPOSSIBLE!! SOMEONE WHO CAN SNAP COMEBACKS AT KENJI?!
I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE BEING WEIRDLY QUIET!! HER COMEBACKS STUNNED YOU INTO SUBMISSION?!
AH WELL. IF I DON'T GO, I'M SURE IT'LL JUST LEAD TO MORE TROUBLE LATER.
YOU GUYS WANNA COME?
HRM. HER UNIFORM IS FROM A DIFFERENT SCHOOL... IS SHE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT?
I DID GET WEIRDLY NOTORIOUS AFTER THAT. RUMOR GOT OUT THAT I BEAT TAMA-SEMPAI!...
Jeez. She must have some rep...

BESIDES, STANDING AROUND IN FRONT OF SOME OTHER SCHOOL'S GATE IS TOTALLY AWKWARD.
I'M TIRED AND I WANT TO SIT!
WHY DO WE GOTTA GO TO A CAFÉ? CAN'T WE JUST TALK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL?

LIKE I'M GOING TO TRUST THE WORD OF SOME WEIRD GIRL I'VE NEVER MET BEFORE.
YEAH, NO!!
Welcome?
Ugh heh heh
UH-HUH. DON'T TELL ME THIS CAFÉ YOU'RE TAKING ME TO IS REALLY THE HANGOUT FOR ALL YOUR SCHOOL'S TOUGHS OR SOMETHING...

NAGA-YAMA! MAN, I'M GLAD YOU GUYS HAVE MY BACK!
YEAH. EVEN IF THERE'S TWENTY OF THEM, THAT'S ONLY FIVE GUYS EACH. WE CAN HANDLE IT.

YOKO-SHIMA?
FLEX
BUT IF IT REALLY IS THEIR HANGOUT, WE'LL JUST BEAT 'EM UP AND TOSS 'EM OUT!

WAIT, YOU'RE HERE?! YOU WEREN'T EVEN IN THE PREVIOUS SCENE!
AND WHEN DID WE BECOME "FRIENDS"?!
AS YOUR FRIEND, I WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY IN A SMALL WAY. HERE, I HAVE 50,000 YEN IN MY WALLET RIGHT NOW.

WAIT, HOLD ON... IF TWENTY OF THEM MEANS FIVE FOR EACH OF US... YOU'RE INCLUDING ME IN THAT EQUATION TOO, AREN'T YOU?!
NAH. ATARU, YOU CAN JUST BE OUR HUMAN SHIELD.
AND IF WORSE COMES TO WORST, I'LL JUST CALL FOR HELP ON MY PHONE! DON'T WORRY. WE'VE GOT THIS!

Hey! That's my line!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING FRIEND-LY? I THINK IT'S WON-DER-FUL!
DON'T YOU AGREE, KAZAMA-KUN?
HUH?! I TOLD YOU, WE'RE NOT FRIENDS!
!
DAMMIT, I TOLD YOU THAT NO ONE'S GONNA JUMP YOU!! GAWD! YOUR HAPPY LITTLE BUDDY-BUDDY BANTER IS SERIOUSLY MAKING ME SICK!!

Why didn't you start earlier?
ANYWAY, WE'VE GOT A LOT TO TALK ABOUT, SO I MAY AS WELL START NOW.

Uh, okay...
SORRY.
Tch!
WELL, UH, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT, I GUESS THERE'S NO HARM IN BEING NICE...

WHAT?! DIDN'T YOU HAVE SOME-THING TO TELL THE WHOLE KAZAMA GANG?!
THE "KAZAMA GANG"?! WHAT'S THAT?! IT SOUNDS TOTALLY LAME!

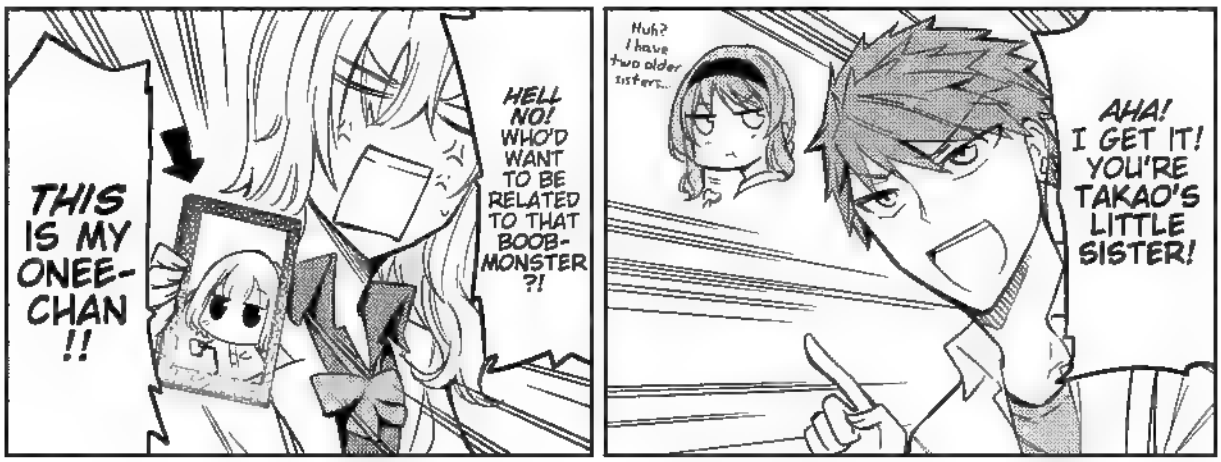
!!
KAZAMA... DROP OUT OF THE GAME DEVELOP-MENT CLUB. IMME-DIATELY.

OH GAWD. WHERE DO I EVEN START?
FIRST...
I'M NOT IN THE GAME DEVELOP-MENT CLUB.
Hm?
WHA?

REALLY? HUH? NO WAY. I COULD'VE SWORN SOMEBODY SAID YOU WERE.
DID I JUST HEAR WRONG?
OH MAN, YOU REALLY ARE CLUELESS, AREN'T YOU?

LISTEN. I'M NOT IN THE GAME DEV. CLUB. I'M (SORTA) IN THE "GAME DEV. CLUB (TEMP.)"
!!
A "TEMP" CLUB?! AHA HA HA! LIKE THAT'S A REAL CLUB! IT SOUNDS TOTALLY FAKE!!
Aha ha ha ha ha! "Temp" club! That's so stupid! Ha ha ha!
RIGHT, SO NOW THAT THAT'S CLEARED UP... ARE WE DONE HERE OR WHAT?
STMP STMP STMP

Me, too?!
Huh?
SO YOUR BIG SISTER IS CONNECTED TO THE GAME DEV. CLUB?
YEAH!
"ONEE-CHAN"?!
NOT EVEN CLOSE! ONEECHAN SAID...I MEAN, UH--!!


THIS IS MY ONEE-CHAN!!
HELL NO! WHO'D WANT TO BE RELATED TO THAT BOOB-MONSTER?!
Huh? I have two older sisters...
AHA! I GET IT! YOU'RE TAKAO'S LITTLE SISTER!

KLATTER
YOUR SISTER HAS BEEN LYING TO YOU!!
!!!
WELL, SHE'S THE FOUNDER AND CAPTAIN OF THAT "TEMP" CLUB YOU JUST LAUGHED AT!

SO SHE'S YOUR SISTER, HUH? THAT MUST BE ROUGH.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
WHAT, AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT HOW SHE'S BEEN LYING TO YOU?! DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT THAT PART?!
I-I'M SORRY, ROKA-ONEECHAN! I DIDN'T MEAN WHAT I SAID! I-I THINK IT'S A REALLY AWESOME CLUB NAME!
ROKA-ONEECHAN IS AWESOME! SHE'S SMALL AND CUTE! IN FACT, NO MATTER HOW OLD SHE GETS, SHE'S STILL TINY. EVEN WHEN I SHARE ALL MY MEALS WITH HER, SHE STAYS TEENSY!
AND THAT'S A GOOD THING?!
HAAH HAAH!
WAIT!!
TSUTSUJI-CHAN, THE LUNCH YOU MADE FOR ME TODAY WAS AS YUMMY AS ALWAYS.
REALLY, ONEE-CHAN?!
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?!
OH RIGHT... SHE'S THE ONE WHO MADE THAT "ONEECHAN LOVE" BENTO...
KOFF...

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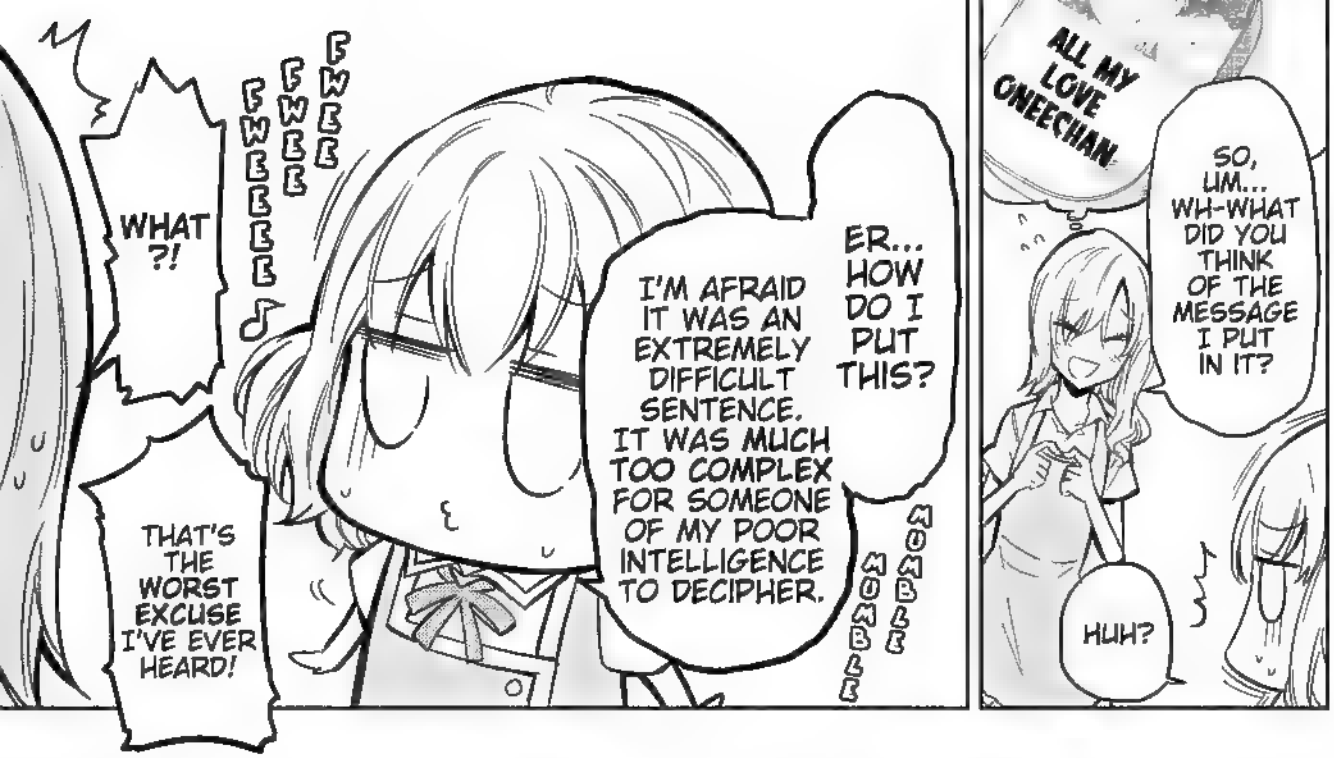
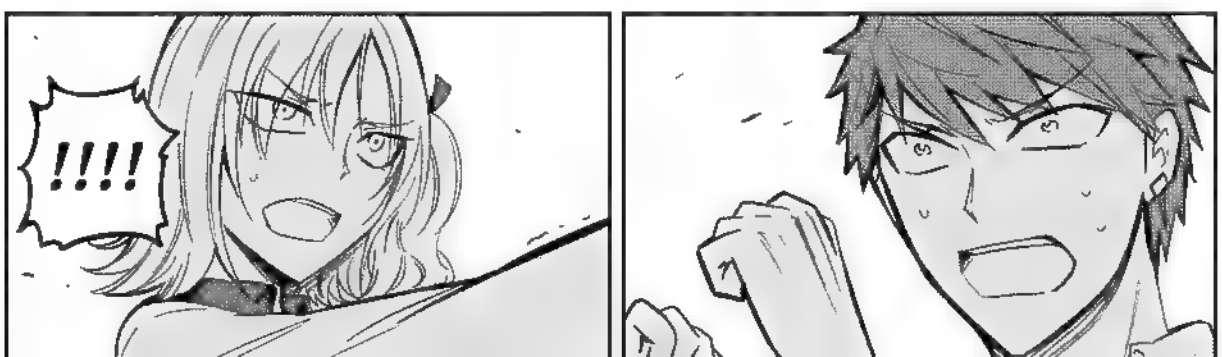

ALL MY LOVE ONEECHAN
SO, UM... WH-WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE MESSAGE I PUT IN IT?
HUH?
ER... HOW DO I PUT THIS?
I'M AFRAID IT WAS AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT SENTENCE. IT WAS MUCH TOO COMPLEX FOR SOMEONE OF MY POOR INTELLIGENCE TO DECIPHER.
MUMBLE MUMBLE
FWEE FWEE FWEEEE
WHAT?!
THAT'S THE WORST EXCUSE I'VE EVER HEARD!

AT THE TIME, I THOUGHT SHE WAS TRYING TO IMPLY IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY THAT SHE DIDN'T LOVE ME. DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THAT HURT?!
SE-RIOU-SLY?!
KAZAMA, YOU BASTARD... THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
WHAT?! I HARDLY HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT! YOUR SISTER GAVE ME THAT LUNCH!!
"GAVE" ...?!
MY GLUTTON OF A SISTER WOULD NEVER WILLINGLY GIVE HER LUNCH TO ANYONE!!
SHE DID THIS TIME!!

WHAP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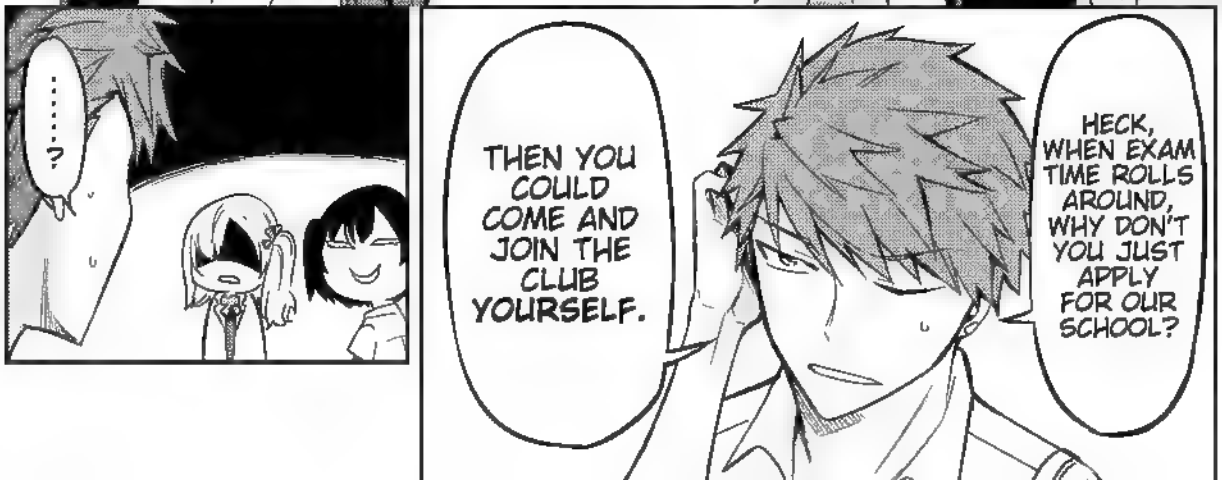
NOW, NOW. IT'S NOT NICE TO PICK FIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.
K-KUSSIE-SEMPAI?! WOW, YOU REALLY DO LIKE STEPPING INTO CONFLICT ZONES, DON'T YOU?!
LET'S BE CIVILIZED AND SETTLE THINGS WITH A NICE CHAT.
'KAY?
EEP! Y-Y-YOU'RE KUSSIE-SEMPAI? I-IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!
Yikes...!!
Scary!
UM, I-I THINK THAT SIDE PONYTAIL LOOKS REALLY NICE ON YOU. L-LOOK! IT'S THE SAME AS MINE!
OH! BUT IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, I'LL TAKE MINE OUT RIGHT AWAY!
WHOA! KUSSIE MANAGED TO SHUT HER DOWN WITH JUST A GLARE!!
I'M NOT GLARING.
ACK! SORRY!!
WELL, WITH KUSSIE-SEMPAI HERE, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WON'T BE NEEDING US ANYMORE.
Heh heh
WHOA! YOU BELIEVE IN HER THAT MUCH?!
AS FOR YOU, IT WASN'T VERY NICE OF YOU TO MAKE A YOUNG LADY CRY IN PUBLIC LIKE THAT.
UH, I THINK THAT WAS MOSTLY YOUR DOING ...

IT... IT'S MY ONEECHAN! SHE TALKS ABOUT NOTHING BUT HER CLUB THESE DAYS!
WAH! WAH!
SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE, "KAZAMA THIS" AND "KAZAMA THAT"! I-I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT HER...!
WAH! SOB!
THERE. SEE? YOU MADE HER CRY!
OKAY, SO IN A VERY BROAD SENSE MAYBE, BUT YOU'RE DEFINITELY THE ONE WHO'S MAKING HER CRY RIGHT NOW, SEMPAI!

BY THE WAY, MISS LITTLE SISTER, HAS ROKA-SAN SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ME?
HEY! DON'T MAKE THIS ABOUT YOU!
UH, NO? WHO THE HELL ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
Ugh. You sparkle too much.
AT LEAST HE GOT HER TO STOP CRYING!

IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR SISTER IS ENJOYING HER CLUB ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL. ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING?
Right?
Y-YEAH! EXACT-LY!


HECK, WHEN EXAM TIME ROLLS AROUND, WHY DON'T YOU JUST APPLY FOR OUR SCHOOL?
THEN YOU COULD COME AND JOIN THE CLUB YOURSELF.
.....?

UM, I THINK HER UNIFORM IS FOR EASTER FUGE HIGH SCHOOL.
SHE'S PROBABLY ONLY ONE YEAR YOUNGER THAN YOU.
REALLY ?!
I TRIED! I WANTED TO GO TO FUJOU ACADEMY... I WANTED IT SO BAD.
BWAH ?
THAT SCHOOL IS, AH, JUST A TEENY BIT LOWER ON THE ACADEMIC SCALE.
UM, ONEE-CHAN? IF I TEST FOR FUJOU ACADEMY ...
DO YOU THINK I'LL GET IN?
YES! I'M SURE YOU WILL DO JUST FINE, TSUTSUJI-CHAN!
Relax!
REALLY ?!
SO IT WAS YOUR OWN FAULT FOR NOT STUDYING !
BEEP Boop BEEP
Bip Boop
SH-SH-SHUT UP!!
GRAWR!
I-I HATE YOU! YOU GET TO HANG OUT AT SCHOOL WITH MY ONEECHAN ALLLL DAY! IT'S NO FAIR!!
WAAAAAH!!!
I WANNA HAVE A FUN HIGH SCHOOL LIFE WITH HER TOO!!
NOW SHE'S CRYING AGAIN.
SO IT IS YOUR FAULT SHE'S CRYING.
"Fun high school life"?

AIN'T HAPPEN-ING.
AND THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO QUIT THE GAME DEV. CLUB RIGHT NOW!!
GRAAAH!
I JUST SAID I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.
NYaaaaaRRR!!
WH-WHY NOT?! WHY?! QUIT! QUIT NOW!!
I KINDA AGREE WITH YOU...
BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE QUIT-TING.
WH-WHY NOT?! WHAT'S A DELINQUENT LIKE YOU DOING IN THAT CLUB, ANYWAY?!
YOU DON'T BE-LONG THERE!

Really?
!!!!!
ONCE KENJI GETS LIKE THIS, HE WON'T BUDGE!
SORRY, MISS.

I'M SURE IF YOU SNUCK IN AFTER SCHOOL SOMETIMES, NOBODY WOULD CARE.
You could come visit!
!!!!!!!
NOT ONLY THAT, OUR SCHOOL'S DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM IS, AH...ON THE LAX SIDE.
GRIIN

!!!!!!
BESIDES, KAZAMA-KUN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CLUB! IT WOULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT HIM!

HNNNRRRR
ぐむむむ
RRRR...
むむ

WAIT, WHAT?! SINCE WHEN ARE YOU IN THE CLUB?!
Not when my Onee-chan... my onee-chan...!
I'M NOT OKAY WITH HAVIN' TA SHARE THE SAME GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB (TEMP) WITH SOME STUPID DELINQUENT WHO'S ONLY HANGING AROUND BECAUSE HE'S TOO LAZY TO QUIT!

SHE'S NOT GIVING IN?!
NO, IT'S NOT ENOUGH!

OH, RIGHT. IT IS GETTING TO BE THAT TIME OF YEAR, ISN'T IT?
WHAAA ?!
MWA HA HA...
BUT IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THAT. WHEN THAT BEGINS, I CAN JUST GET RID OF YOU THEN!
DURING WHAT?
DURING THAT!
UH, NO.
YOUR SISTER HASN'T TOLD ME A DAMN THING, THANKS!
YOU KNOW. THAT. ONEECHAN MUST HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT IT BY NOW.
THAT THING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!
AHA HA HA! EVEN IF YOU TRY TO START TRAINING NOW, A NOOB LIKE YOU ISN'T EVEN GONNA MAKE IT PAST THE FIRST LEVEL!
AND I'LL BE RIGHT THERE TO POINT AND LAUGH WHEN YOU GET KICKED OUT OF THE CLUB!!
WHAT THE HELL SHE'S TALKING ABOUT?!
WILL SOME-BODY PLEASE TELL ME...

ALSO, I HEAR THAT EVERY SCHOOL'S CLUB HAS UPPED THEIR GAME IN THE PAST YEAR.
IF YOU SOMEHOW MANAGE TO SURVIVE ALL THE WAY TO THE END, I MIGHT CHANGE MY OPINION OF YOU... MAYBE.

SERIOUSLY!!!
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW!!

Do you still need me?
IS THERE ANYTHING LEFT TO TALK ABOUT?
AT LEAST I CAN ASK HER WHAT THE HELL THAT IS.
I DON'T WANNA HEAR THAT FROM YOU, MISS CRY-BABY!
AHA! HERE'S THE CAFÉ.
MAN, CAN'T THAT GET HERE ALREADY? I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE YOU CRY LIKE A LITTLE BABY!
THIS PLACE ?!
TABLE FOR HOW MANY?
Welcome!
HELLO, EVERY-ONE!
Yo!
Geh!
Hey, she's got a side ponytail too
BTAM
?
KRGG

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GYAAAH!
KUSSIE-SEMPAI WAS
ON THE COVER?!
AND I CALLED HER
A BIT CHARACTER?!
I'M SORRY!!
WAAAH!
I AM
ON THE
COVER!!
ROKA
ROKA

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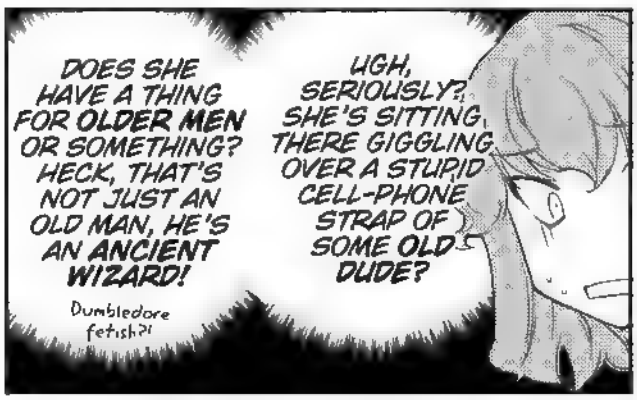
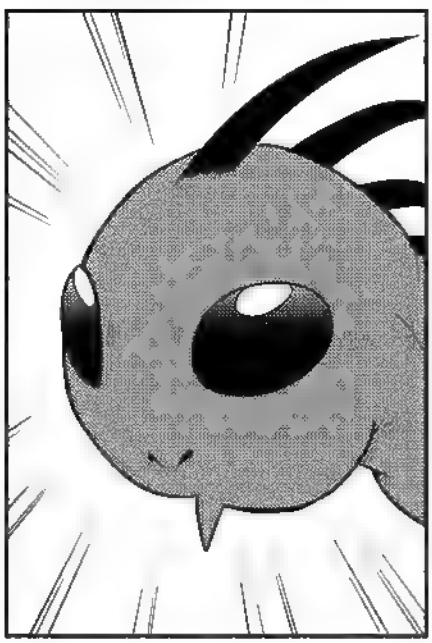
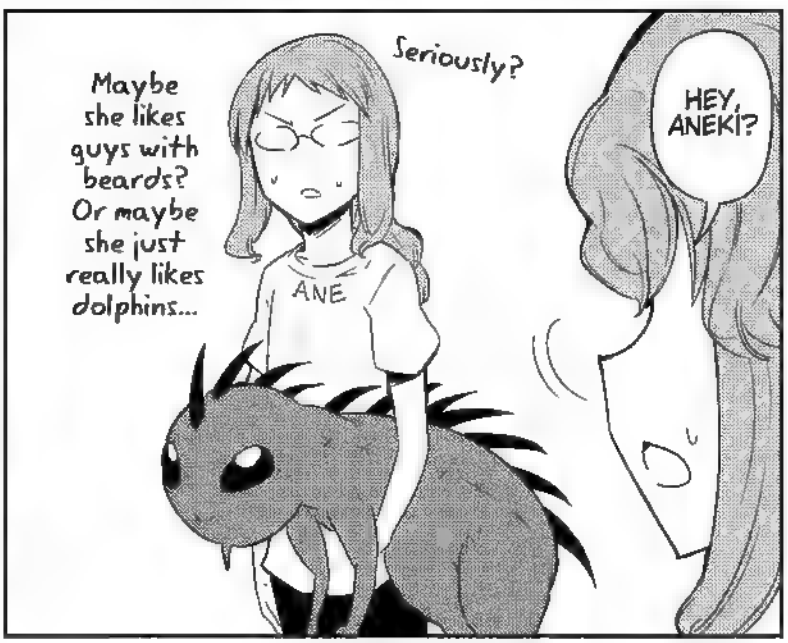
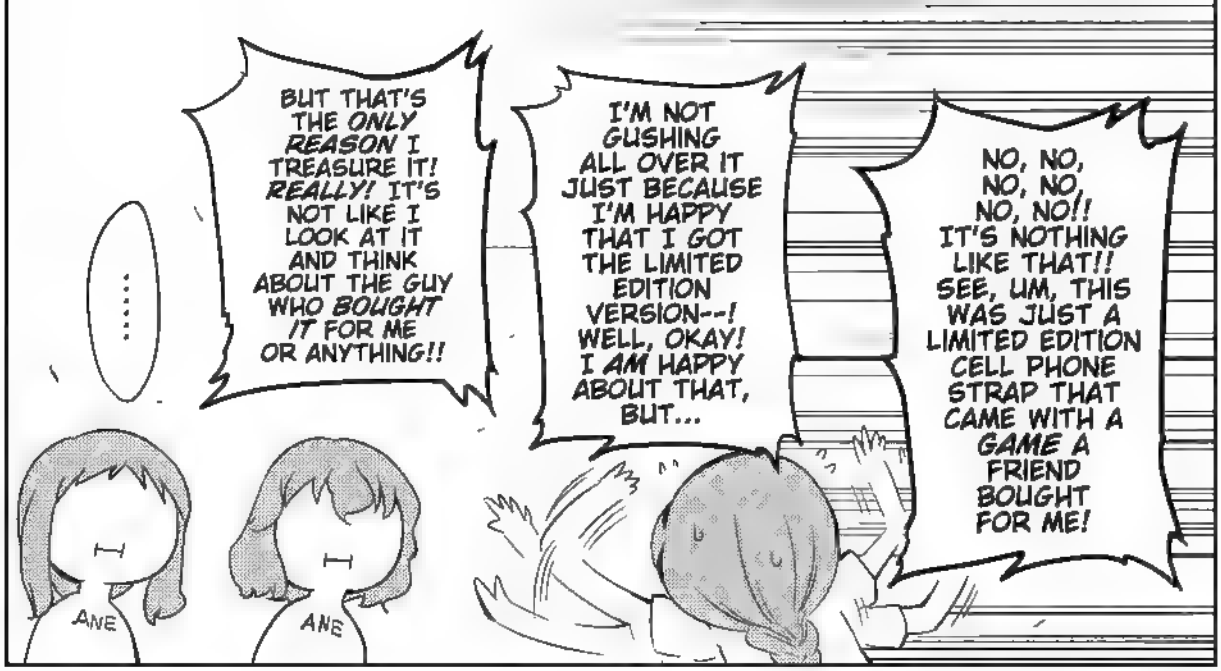

UGH, SERIOUSLY? SHE'S SITTING THERE GIGGLING OVER A STUPID CELL-PHONE STRAP OF SOME OLD DUDE?
DOES SHE HAVE A THING FOR OLDER MEN OR SOMETHING? HECK, THAT'S NOT JUST AN OLD MAN, HE'S AN ANCIENT WIZARD!
Dumbledore fetish?!

HEE HEE!

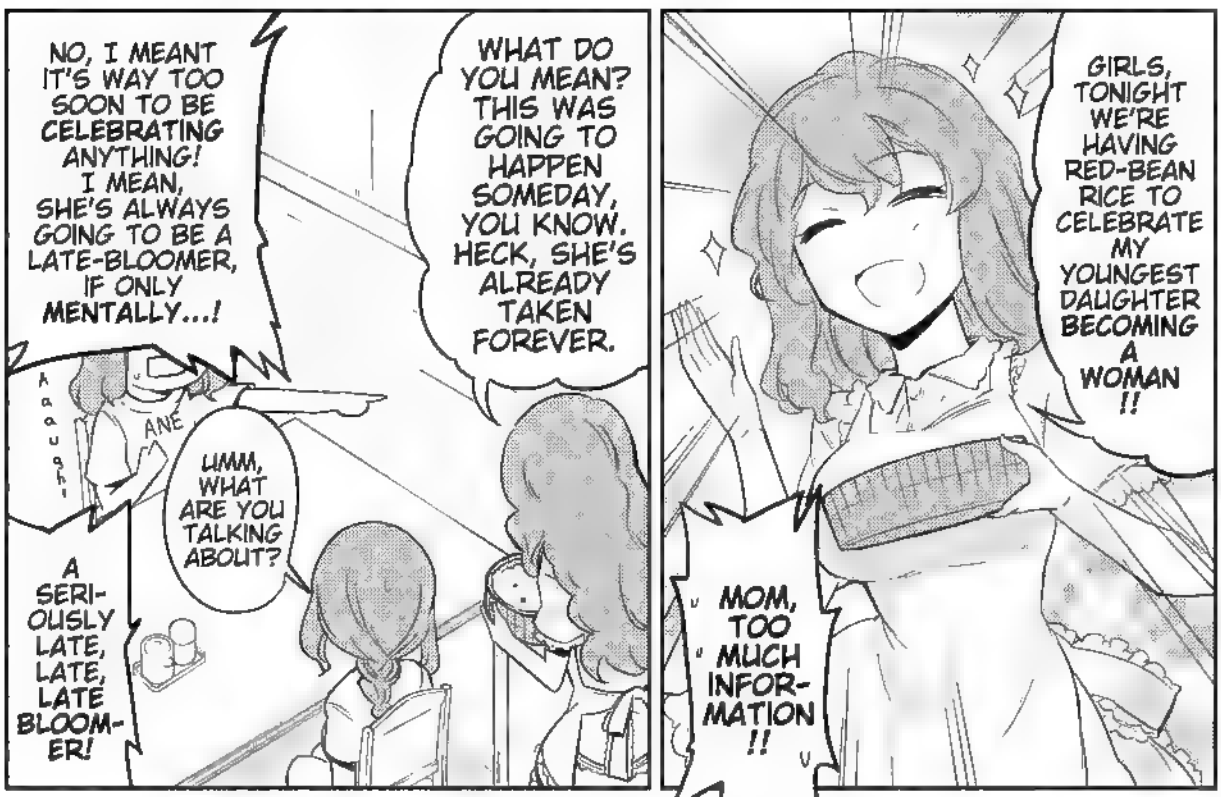



HEY, ANEKI?
Seriously?
Maybe she likes guys with beards? Or maybe she just really likes dolphins...
ANE

REALLY, ANEKI! WHY ARE YOU MORE INTERESTED IN FAKE MONSTERS THAN REAL PEOPLE?!
GLEAM
THESE DAYS, A NICE, SINGLE GUY IS JUST AS HARD TO FIND AS A CHUPCABRA ...
THAT'S IT! STOP GOING TO SINGLES PARTIES! YOU'RE JUST WASTING MONEY!!
NOOO! LEAVE CHUPA-CHAPPIE ALONE!!
STILL, A BEARDED OLD WIZARD FETISH IS A MILLION, BILLION, ZILLION TIMES BETTER THAN BEING OBSESSED WITH CRYPTIDS !!
ANE
PAFF
POFF
PAFF
AH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CARRY AROUND A CHUPA-CABRA PLUSHIE !!
KTUNK
UHH... WELL?
KTUNK
ANE
!!
? Huh? ?
Little Sister
DO YOU REALLY LIKE OLDER MEN? LIKE, REALLY OLDER MEN? W-W-WIZARDS, EVEN?
ANE


NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!! IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!! SEE, UM, THIS WAS JUST A LIMITED EDITION CELL PHONE STRAP THAT CAME WITH A GAME A FRIEND BOUGHT FOR ME!
I'M NOT GUSHING ALL OVER IT JUST BECAUSE I'M HAPPY THAT I GOT THE LIMITED EDITION VERSION--! WELL, OKAY! I AM HAPPY ABOUT THAT, BUT...
BUT THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I TREASURE IT! REALLY! IT'S NOT LIKE I LOOK AT IT AND THINK ABOUT THE GUY WHO BOUGHT IT FOR ME OR ANYTHING!!
.....
ANE
ANE

OH. SO THERE IS A GUY SHE LIKES...


GIRLS, TONIGHT WE'RE HAVING RED-BEAN RICE TO CELEBRATE MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER BECOMING A WOMAN !!
MOM, TOO MUCH INFOR-MATION !!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN SOMEDAY, YOU KNOW. HECK, SHE'S ALREADY TAKEN FOREVER.
NO, I MEANT IT'S WAY TOO SOON TO BE CELEBRATING ANYTHING! I MEAN, SHE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE A LATE-BLOOMER, IF ONLY MENTALLY...!
Aaaugh!
ANE
UMM, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
A SERI-OUSLY LATE, LATE, LATE BLOOM-ER!

WAIT A MINUTE! YOU HAVE THE TOTALLY WRONG IDEA!
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING GOING ON WITH ANYONE! ESPECIALLY HIM!!
YEAH! HOW COME A GAME FREAK LIKE HER GETS A GUY?!
IT'S NOT FAIR!!
YOU'VE TAKEN A BIG LIFE STEP FORWARD FOR SOMEONE WHO SPENDS HER OFF DAYS LOCKED IN HER ROOM PLAYING GAMES.
LOOK AT IT THIS WAY: SHE'S LIKE A BRAND NEW GAMING CONSOLE WITH TOP-OF-THE-LINE SPECS. YOU TWO ARE LIKE CRUDDY OLD GENS.
WE'RE WHAT?!

AND BESIDES...
AND YET, YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE A THING FOR HIM.
MUMBLE MUMBLE
I MEAN, HE'S BLUNT AND RUDE AND TRIES TO PULL OFF THIS WHOLE THUG ACT...
Wait... Who is he?

I DON'T THINK HE'S INTERESTED IN ME AT ALL.
I, UM...

GRIN
WELL, HE MUST BE GAY, THEN. OR A LOLICON. OR A PEDO.
GYA-AAH!! MOM, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
SERI-OUSLY?!
PAT

YEAH. IT'S A HARD ROAD, BUT DON'T GIVE UP, 'KAY?
WHA?! NO! THAT'S NOT IT!
AH. SO YOU PICKED A HARD TARGET TOO, EH?
NOT AS HARD AS THE BAR YOU'VE SET.

WHAT, YOU ACTUALLY HAD TO THINK IT OVER?! SO HE COULD BE?! THIS ISN'T LOOKING GOOD!!
Loli-fetish? I really hope not...

OF COURSE, I DOUBT ANY GUY WOULD BUY A LIMITED EDITION CELL PHONE STRAP FOR SOMEONE THEY DIDN'T HAVE FEELINGS FOR. GOOD LUCK, MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER!
Let's go! Off to dinner!!
I MEAN, GOOD LUCK TO ALL MY DAUGHT-ERS!!

AS SOON AS YOU REALIZE SHE'S THE SAME AS YOU, YOU'RE NICE TO HER AGAIN? NO WONDER YOU'RE BOTH SINGLE!
OUR TREAT, LITTLE SISTER!
You're gonna treat me?! Wow! That doesn't happen often!
ANYWAY, IT'S OBVIOUS THERE'S NO POINT IN EATING THE RED-BEAN RICE NOW, SO HOW ABOUT WE GO OUT FOR DINNER INSTEAD?
ANE
Little Sister

And if he does happen to be gay or loli or pedo, well...we'll see what we can do about that.
Not that the road will be a short or easy one.
AH-CHOO!!
Ew! Gross Aniki!!

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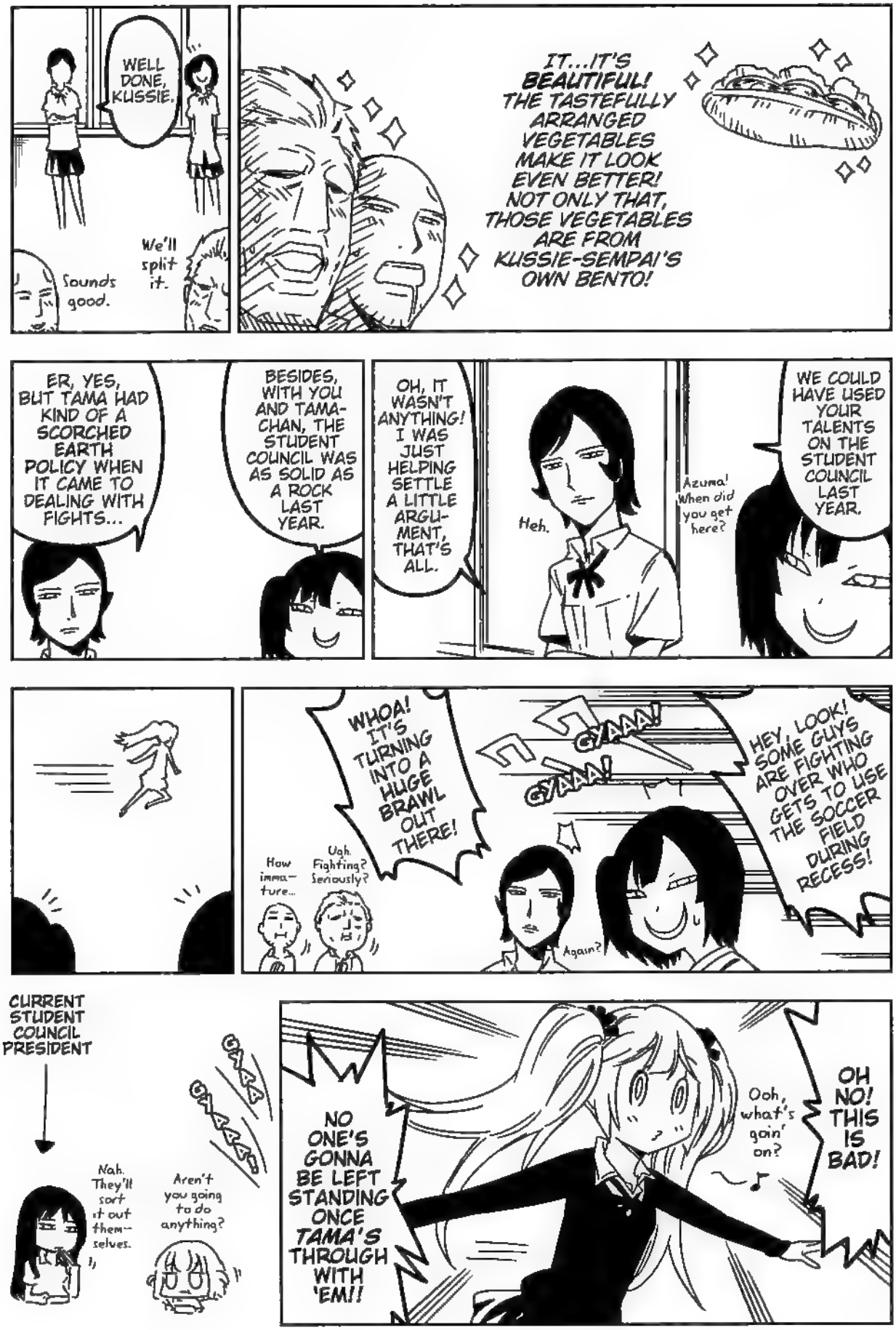
READ THIS AFTER THE MAIN STORY! **A Day in the Life of Kussie-sempai.**

I'VE HAD FRIED RICE THREE DAYS IN A ROW! I'M SICK OF IT, MAN!
NO WAY! YOU'VE GOT FRIED RICE RIGHT THERE! WHAT'RE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?
THE ONLY THING THE CAFÉ HAD LEFT WAS PLAIN OLD WHITE BUNS!
DAMMIT, MAN! YOU'VE *GOTTA* TRADE ME YOUR YAKISOBA SANDWICH!
HOLD IT! THAT VOICE...!
DUN
BUTT OUT! THIS AIN'T NONE OF YOUR--
NOW, NOW, BOYS. NO NEED TO FIGHT!
KUSSIE-SEMPAI !!
I-IT'S K-K-K-K...
THERE! ONE FRIED RICE SANDWICH!
TA-DAAAAH!
LISTEN UP, 'KAY? WHAT'CHA DO IS CUT A POCKET INTO THE WHITE BUN LIKE THIS, ADD THE FRIED RICE...


WELL DONE, KUSSIE.
We'll split it.
Sounds good.
IT...IT'S BEAUTIFUL! THE TASTEFULLY ARRANGED VEGETABLES MAKE IT LOOK EVEN BETTER! NOT ONLY THAT, THOSE VEGETABLES ARE FROM KUSSIE-SEMPAI'S OWN BENTO!
ER, YES, BUT TAMA HAD KIND OF A SCORCHED EARTH POLICY WHEN IT CAME TO DEALING WITH FIGHTS...
BESIDES, WITH YOU AND TAMA-CHAN, THE STUDENT COUNCIL WAS AS SOLID AS A ROCK LAST YEAR.
OH, IT WASN'T ANYTHING! I WAS JUST HELPING SETTLE A LITTLE ARGU-MENT, THAT'S ALL.
Heh.
Azuma! When did you get here?
WE COULD HAVE USED YOUR TALENTS ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL LAST YEAR.
WHOA! IT'S TURNING INTO A HUGE BRAWL OUT THERE!
GYAAA!
GYAAA!
HEY, LOOK! SOME GUYS ARE FIGHTING OVER WHO GETS TO USE THE SOCCER FIELD DURING RECESS!
How imma-ture...
Ugh. Fighting? Seriously?
Again?
CURRENT STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Nah. They'll sort it out them-selves.
Aren't you going to do anything?
GYAAA
GYAAA!!
NO ONE'S GONNA BE LEFT STANDING ONCE TAMA'S THROUGH WITH 'EM!!
Ooh, what's goin' on?
OH NO! THIS IS BAD!

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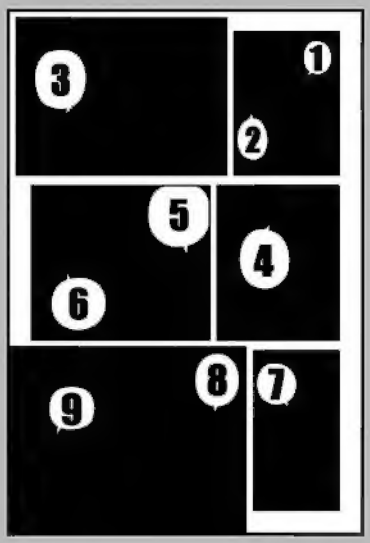

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